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RUBBER DECISION ATTACKED.

ALL PARTIES JOIN IN CRITICISMS.

DUTCH GROWERS DEFEATED CALCULATIONS.

CABINET'S REASONS.

London, Apr. 26.

Members of the Government met the Civil Research Committee at 10, Downing Street, this morning, Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Lieut. Col. Amery being among those present.

It is understood that they discussed the situation in the rubber industry following the Government decision with regard to restriction, preparatory to the discussion which was later to take place in the House of Commons.

On the motion for the adjournment of the House, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald proposed the discussion of the "Government's mishandling of the rubber situation."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald severely criticised the Government's rubber policy, declaring that their methods had caused heavy losses.

All Parties Attack.

All three Parties joined in the criticisms.

Lieut. Col. L.C.M.S. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, replying, said that in 1920, the majority of the Malayan producers were in difficulties, and outside syndicates might easily, for a mere song, have secured a great part of the industry.

He reviewed at some length the history of the Stevenson Scheme and the Government's attempt in 1925 to make the scheme more elastic.

If there could be any blame for fixing the price at 1/9d. per lb he would take it.

Dutch Influence.

The Dutch suppliers had defeated all calculations. It was only with the greatest difficulty that the price was maintained at 1/9d. between July and October, 1926.

From 1922 till 1927, while the British industry remained stationary, the Dutch industry was growing by leaps and bounds.

Mr. Amery made it clear that there would be no change in the policy of continuing the present restrictions until November 1st.

Replying to strong criticism on the score that New York had benefited by a premature announcement of the Government enquiry, Lieut. Col. Amery asserted that practically no business was done on that day in New York.

Market Not Sound.

The real fall in prices occurred in both countries because the position in the industry and on the market was not sound. Prices were bound to fall heavily directly anyone knew that the facts of the situation were to be faced.

Asked whether the two cents tax was to be continued, the Dominions Secretary said that that would have to be considered by the Governments of Ceylon and Malaya in connexion with the review of the whole position.

Mr. Amery denied emphatically that the Government appointed a "loaded" Committee with a view to bringing an end to the restrictions.

No Previous Knowledge.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin was not aware of the previous opinions of any member of the Committee of Civil Research.

The position was clearly that the Dutch had been benefiting at the expense of the British. It was, therefore, time to remove the scheme.

The Government's announcement of the enquiry would not have perturbed the equanimity of the House if the rubber market had not been entirely artificial, while he was strongly of the opinion that the losses caused by the New York "bears" would have occurred sooner or later.

The announcement of the enquiry was given to the whole Press, including the American, at six o'clock in the evening.

Telephoned to New York.

Some-one telephoned to New York before the closing of the

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YANGTSZE BANDIT OUTRAGE.

EIGHT GUARDS SHOT DEAD IN CHINESE STEAMER.

VESSEL RANSACKED.

A horde of bandits attacked a Chinese steamer in the Yangtsze about five miles below Wushan yesterday, overwhelming the opposition put up, and after shooting the guards, thoroughly ransacked the vessel.

A brief message to this effect was received in the Colony this morning by the Naval authorities, but it is impossible to ascertain, at the moment, the name of the steamer concerned.

It seems that the guards, eight armed Chinese, put up a determined resistance but they were overpowered by sheer weight of numbers, and all were shot dead.

The steamer was looted of her cargo, and their possession, though it is not stated whether any kidnappings took place.

The occurrence is the first for some time in this section of the river, though bandit activity has been increasing alarmingly both in the area mentioned, and in the districts about eleven miles above Ichang. In the latter place, they have been attacking smaller craft, and robbing the villages, wholesale.

PROPOSALS FOR RELIEF OF LOCAL TAXES.

GREAT BOON TO BRITISH SHIPPING CENTRES.

London, Apr. 26.

The Government proposals for the relief of local taxation are expected to have a beneficient effect upon the trade of British ports.

The Shipping correspondent of the *Times* points out that harbours and docks are large payers of local taxes and the high level of these has been advanced as one of the factors in the higher charges to British ports compared with those on the continent.

Relief, therefore, from a proportion of the local taxes would be extremely welcome to the ports authorities.—*British Wireless.*

EGYPT'S BACKWARD STEP.

POSITION AS BEFORE TREATY PROPOSALS.

London, Apr. 26.

In the House of Lords to-day, the Marquess of Salisbury, replying to requests for information regarding British relations with the Egyptian Government, and asked if there were no negotiations going on between this country and Egypt since the rejection of the recent prosed treaty, said we had gone back to the situation existing before any treaty was put forward.—*British Wireless.*

GLORIOUS SPRING IN ENGLAND.

BUT CALM IS FORE-RUNNER OF THUNDERSTORMS.

London, Apr. 26.

The South of England has been enjoying this week unusually calm weather. In London this afternoon, the temperature in the shade was 70 degrees, Fahrenheit.

This miniature heat wave, however, is not expected to last, thunderstorms followed by cooler and more unsettled conditions being predicted.—*British Wireless.*

Rubber Exchange there, but, said Mr. Amery, he was not prepared to admit that any American could thereupon fleece anyone in Great Britain by selling rubber, because British firms were then closed.

In conclusion, Mr. Amery said he did not doubt that the rulers of Ceylon and Malaya were kept fully informed of all developments. They, like British territory directly administered, would despite the immediate difficulties, greatly benefit in the long run.

On a division, the Government secured 194 votes against 94.—*Reuter.*

LAND OWNERSHIP ACTION.

PLAINTIFF CLOSELY QUESTIONED.

DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF FOOK LEE AND CO.

BANKING FACILITIES.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan and a special jury, the land ownership dispute case was continued. The plaintiff was closely cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, defending counsel, with regard to his knowledge of the firm of Fook Lee and Company and Messrs. Thos. Simmons and Co.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon are for the plaintiff, and the defence is being conducted by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

Before proceeding with his cross-examination this morning, Mr. Jenkin said he would be as brief as he could possibly be, but there were more facts that must be put to the plaintiff.

His Lordship commented, with a smile, that he was sure the jury would be grateful.

Could Not Remember.

Plaintiff was questioned with regard to the Fook Lee Firm and Fook Lee and Company. He declared he was always the sole proprietor of the former and knew nothing whatever about the latter. He did not know the partners.

He did not know that Fook Lee and Co. and Messrs. Thos. Simmons were on the same floor. He admitted that he had seen the signboard of Fook Lee and Co. but denied that he had seen the same signboard in Hillyer Street where his own business was situated.

Mr. Jenkin:—Where did you see the signboard?—I don't even know the name of the street where Fook Lee and Co. is, though I have gone into the office.

Plaintiff added that he received a letter from a firm of solicitors at his residence, to which place it was brought by a boy.

Mr. Jenkin reminded plaintiff that he failed to remember that incident previously.

"Guess-Work."

Plaintiff replied:—"It is so long ago that I have forgotten the whole thing and it is guess-work of mine."

In reply to other questions, plaintiff said he knew the office of Messrs. Thos. Simmons, which he financed for three years, but he did not know the name of the street.

Mr. Jenkin:—Was Fook Lee and Co. on the same floor as Thos. Simmons?—Yes.

Why did you go into Fook Lee and Co.'s premises?—When I went out for a walk I casually walked in there.

To pay a casual visit of that kind you had to go up in the lift?

Plaintiff replied he had forgotten whether there was a lift, but added that he always used a lift when there was one.

Mr. Jenkin:—Yesterday morning, according to my note, you said "I knew that Messrs. Simmons and Fook Lee and Co. were on the same floor in York Building."—Yes, when you make mention of York Building I will say it is York Building.

Counsel remarked that if the plaintiff would agree to everything so readily, they would get along much quicker.

Casual Business.

Mr. Jenkin:—Why did you go to the premises of Fook Lee and Co.?—Because my son was there as compradore to Simmons.

Did you go into Fook Lee and Co.'s office?—Yes.

Why?—Well, since I was there I went in on casual business.

But you don't know anything about it and you do not know the partners. Why go into an office of a firm the members of which, according to you, were absolute strangers?—I dare not tell exactly who the partners were but my two sons were working there.

Is that all you know about that firm, that two sons of yours were working here?

Plaintiff replied that he had heard outside that they were partners. Those sons were Fok Chung-yuen and Fok Tat-fui,

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NEW PRAYER BOOK MEASURE.

BEFORE CHURCH ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL.

STRUGGLE IN CHURCH.

London, Apr. 26.

The struggle in the Church over the new Prayer Book entered the last stage to-day when the Archbishop of Canterbury opened a special session of the Church Assembly at the Church House, Westminster.

The Assembly's task is to make the final decision regarding the proposed alterations to the Prayer Book, and everything will depend on whether it grants or withholds approval.

The Archbishop of Canterbury formally proposed that final approval be given, to a full attendance of the three Houses, Bishops, Clergy and Laity.—*Reuter.*

Recently, when the Convocations of Canterbury and York met, no difficulty was experienced in obtaining the Assent of the Upper Houses, but there was much dissent among the Laity.

It was then stated by the Archbishop of York, that if the consent were given only by the barest majority, it might be necessary to withdraw the Measure. Thus the Church itself would destroy a Measure which it had taken 20 years to prepare, and of which so much had been hoped.

NEW AIR-SPEED RECORD.

British Airman's Feat Over 100 Kilometres.

FRENCH LOSE HONOUR.

London, Apr. 26.

Captain Broad, flying a De Havilland "Sound" at Stag Lane Aerodrome, broke the world's 100 kilometre air-speed record.

Carrying about a ton of lead, he averaged a speed of 160.9 miles per hour over a triangular 100-kilometre course.

The previous record, held by the French aviator, Lasne, was 153 miles an hour.—*Reuter.*

JOHORE WATERS BILL.

PASSES THROUGH HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, Apr. 26.

The House of Lords has passed the third reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreements) Bill.—*Reuter.*

On the second reading last month, Lord Lovat said the Bill aimed to sanction an agreement between Sir Hugh Clifford and the Sultan of Johore, which provided for a slightly altered boundary so that the centre of the water between the States would be recognised as the division as was almost the universal custom. It ran right up to the shores of Johore. Relations between Johore and Great Britain were excellent.

Lord Glasgow paid a tribute to the Sultan of Johore and expressed the hope it was understood that no restrictions would be placed on British warships if they wished to anchor on the shore side of the new line.

Lord Lovat did not think there need be any anxiety as regards the protection of the Fleet.

MORE RAIN PREDICTED.

To-days' Observatory report says:—The anticyclone over North China has strengthened. The oriental depression is moving E.N.E. towards S.W. Japan. The Korean depression has passed to the north-east of Japan and the Tongking depression remains stationary. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; overcast; some rain.

ALLEGED WOMAN THIEF.

IMPORTANT SHANGHAI ARREST.

BIG THIEVING ORGANISATION REVEALED.

300 PAWN TICKETS.

Shanghai, Apr. 22.

The arrest by the French police of a Lettish woman, who was found unlawfully on the premises of Mr. Moore, 374 Route Ferguson, on Friday, has led to discoveries which have revealed the existence of a thieving organization which the French police believe, has been responsible for scores of thefts carried out in Shanghai in recent months.

Discovery of pawn-tickets and a large quantity of stolen property has enabled the police to trace 50 cases of thefts, but the total is expected to be far in excess of this number, says the *Shanghai Times.*

House Searched.

The woman, whose name is Swanenburg, when arrested at 374 Route Ferguson refused to give any account of herself. Investigations of large-scale thefts, which have been proceeding for some weeks, took on a new colour when Det.-Sgt. Henry and Det. Martsatoff searched the woman's house.

The list of property reported to have been found there, together with pawntickets relating to property already disposed of, is staggering.

300 Pawn Tickets.

Typewriters, cameras, handbags and suitcases, a large quantity of jewellery, earrings, radiator caps, clothing, furs and other things were in the house. Six fox terriers were also found in the house.

Further searches brought to light 300 pawntickets relating to a large and miscellaneous collection of articles on which money had been realized at Chinese pawnshops. The amount of money represented by the losses charged against the woman—who is believed to have accomplices still at large—has not been estimated owing to the difficulty the French police are having in tracing the owners of the property.

Cleverest Known.

The French police allege that the woman is one of the cleverest professional thieves ever to operate in Shanghai, and expect to clear up many cases of lost property. Already, they claim, 50 cases of theft have been established against her, but it is believed there are many more to be preferred.

The woman's arrest was the culmination of patient investigation by the French police into a large number of mysterious thefts which puzzled everybody.

At first, detectives concentrated their attention on the Chinese side, but it was soon seen that inquiries should be directed elsewhere. Success came when the woman was arrested in Route Ferguson.

BRITISH AIRWOMAN IN TROUBLE.

FORCED DESCENT IN NORTH TRANSVAAL.

London, Apr. 26.

Lady Bailey, who is engaged on a flight to Capetown, is experiencing difficulties. She arrived at Buluwayo yesterday from Livingstone, having made this stage despite an attack of influenza.

She said she had had a troublesome flight owing to the strong wind.

To-day she was due at Johannesburg but did not arrive. Some anxiety was felt, but later Lady Bailey was reported to be safe. Shortage of petrol and oil has caused a forced descent in the Northern Transvaal.—*British Wireless.*

RUBBER GROWERS' CRITICISM.

LOST £250,000,000 AS RESULT OF DECISION.

BUT BETTER OUTLOOK.

London, Apr. 26.

A colossal loss by British subjects as the result of the Government's rubber decision was suggested at the annual meeting of the Rubber Growers' Association in London to-day.

Mr. Eric MacFadyen, the outgoing Chairman, declared the Stevenson Restriction Scheme worked remarkably well, and might have been calculated to serve its purpose, equally well, if not better, for several years to come.

He criticised the Government's action in announcing the withdrawal of the restrictions, but concluded by declaring that the position of the rubber growers to-day had elements of strength which were absent six years ago.

The demand for rubber, he said, bade fair to grow as rapidly in Europe as it had done in America.

Mr. William Duncan, who was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, expressed the opinion that at least £250,000,000 had been lost owing to the Government's decision, mostly by British subjects.—*Reuter.*

BREMEN CREW LEAVE GREENLY ISLAND.

GERMAN AVIATORS ON WAY TO ST. AGNES.

Quebec, Apr. 26.

The Ford relief plane has left Greenly Island for St. Agnes, carrying the German aviators, Baron von Huehnefeld, Captain Koehl, and the Irish Commandant, Colonel Fitzmaurice.—*Reuter's American Service.*

London, Apr. 26.

According to a message from Greenly Island, the Transatlantic flyers have abandoned their airplane there, and left this morning on the relief aeroplane.—*British Wireless.*

Stagnes, Apr. 27.

The "Bremen" airmen, in the relief plane, have arrived here. They leave for Washington to-day.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CORINTH IS TO BE REBUILT.

EARTHQUAKE-PROOF HOUSES.

Athens, Apr. 26.

Seismic shocks are still being experienced in Corinth, but most of the population declare that they will not abandon the historic town, which will be reconstructed on the same site.

The new houses will be, as far as possible, earthquake-proof.—*Reuter.*

NEW PERSIAN OIL GUSHER.

HALF A MILLION GALLONS DAILY FLOW.

Basra, Apr. 26.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company have struck a new oil gusher at Naftkaneh, in Persian territory, near Khanikin, on the Irak frontier.

The present flow is estimated to be at least half a million gallons daily.—*Reuter.*

CHEUNG CHAU FERRY.

TIME-TABLE FOR SUMMER AND AUTUMN.

The following is the Cheung Chau ferry time-table to take effect from 1st May and continue to 30th September.

From Cheung Chau to Hongkong.—3.00 a.m., 7.40 a.m., 8.15 p.m., (Saturday excepted), 3.45 p.m., (on Saturday only), 7.00 p.m.

From Hongkong to Cheung Chau.—6.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m. (Saturday excepted), 2.00 p.m. (on Saturday only), 5.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m.

FATE OF TSINANFU UNCERTAIN.

HURRIED NORTHERN CONFERENCES.

HIGH OFFICERS EXECUTED TO IMPART MORALE.

NATIONALIST ENTRY.

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

At a late hour to-day, no definite news concerning the fate of Tsinanfu was forthcoming, the cable advices from Shantung being very conflicting. It seems fairly certain that both the Nationalists under Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and the Kuominchun, under Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, have entered the city, but with the vanguards of their forces only.

The Northerners, it is believed, are still in occupation of a portion of Tsinanfu, and one report states that considerable street fighting, and skirmishing on the outskirts is taking place.

Nanking Denials.

Although it is stated that General Chang Chung-chang has lost spirit and decamped to Tsingtao, it may be accepted that this is untrue. However much the Nanking authorities deny that any Northern forces remain at Tsinanfu, there is sufficient evidence to support contrary reports. Many of the Shantung troops have deserted, but quite a large force is said to be still in the field.

A story has just come through from Tsinanfu showing the circumstances before the entry of the Kuominchun troops.

The capture of Tung Ping and Laiwuhsien, places only twenty miles from Tsinanfu, are definitely credited to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang.

The Northern forces were retiring rapidly before the Kuominchun advance, very little actual fighting taking place.

Northern Executions.

When news of the immediate threat to Tsinanfu came through to the city, the Northern troops sought means of escape from the city rather than indicating readiness to defend the capital.

Disorderly scenes occurred at the Tsinan-Kiaochow railway station, where large numbers rushed in the hope of finding trains to take them away.

Marshal Chang Chung-chang took stern measures to restore morale to his forces, a number of officers and men being executed.

A telegram from Tsinan dated the 5th, states that a conference was held on Tuesday evening between Marshal Chang Chung-chang and Mr. Pan Fu, the Peking political leader, who has arrived in the city with instructions from Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

General's Decision.

Mr. Pan Fu put forward the views of Chang Tso-lin, strongly urging Chang Chung-chang to retire with his troops to Chihli, and to leave the direction of the Shantung operations against the Nationalists, in the hands of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. It is stated that it then transpired that Marshal Sun was averse to making an attempt to hold the city, and that he had agreed with Chang Chung-chang on the advisibility of abandoning Tsinan to the Nationalists and retreating to Tehchow, which is in North Shantung, very near the Chihli border.

Peking Critical.

Later the Northern leaders wired to the Peking Director, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, outlining their scheme to shorten the defensive line by abandoning Tsinanfu for Tehchow.

The reply from Peking, Shanghai reports have it show that Chang Tso-lin is extremely critical of the manner in which the campaign is being conducted.

Nationalists Enter.

A later cable however, show clearly that the Nationalist vanguard has entered Tsinanfu, and that Sun Chuan-fang is carrying out his policy. The main body of the Northern forces has retreated from the city, only a few remaining to challenge the South.

One or two of the Northern Divisional leaders and a few Briga-

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BATHING BEACHES AND PLAYGROUNDS.

The Legislative Council yesterday afternoon discussed a motion by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock relating to bathing beaches and children's playgrounds.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) presided over the meeting, and there were also present.

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.).

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.M.G.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.).

The Captain Supt. of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North).

Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock.

Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, Deputy Clerk of Councils.

Chinese Temples.

The Colonial Secretary reported the receipt of a petition in the case of the Chinese Temples Bill and moved that it be read.

The Attorney General: I beg to second. This petition was received only a few hours before the last meeting of the Council, when it was intended to read the Chinese Temples Bill a second time. The Bill, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Instructions and the Standing Rules and Orders of this Council, was advertised in the *Gazette* and in two English newspapers and two Chinese newspapers. The Bill itself was published in *extenso*, with very full Objects and Reasons, in the *Gazette*, and the Chinese version of the Bill and the Objects and Reasons appeared in the Chinese Press. It is a pity, therefore, that the petition was not presented at an earlier date. It is also a pity that the petitioners did not adopt the usual and more convenient course of first approaching the hon. Chinese members of this Council or the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. However, the petition has been considered carefully by the promoters of this Bill, the two Chinese members of this Council, by the Government and by the Governor-in-Council, also by the District Watch Committee, and I am authorised by the promoters to say that they propose to move in Committee certain amendments to the Bill in order to meet the representations of the petitioners.

Exemption of "To Yuen."

The petition is presented by the twenty-two keepers of *To Yuen*. These *To Yuen* are not temples in the ordinary sense, but they are places where members of religious orders live, where they perform certain ceremonies and where they may be sent for by persons who desire their services at weddings and funeral ceremonies.

The clause to which the petitioners object is clause 4. That clause provides that no Chinese temple which is in existence at the commencement of the Ordinance shall be maintained for a longer period than six months from the commencement of the Ordinance unless it is in a building which is a complete and separate building and which is used for the purposes of such a temple and for no other purpose. The section also provides that no future Chinese temple shall be established unless it is in a complete and separate building. The petitioners point out that they are not in a position to provide themselves or to rent a complete building and are obliged to occupy portions of a building only. If this clause were to be passed in its present form the effect would be that the *To Yuen* in question would have to close down, and as they appear to supply a certain demand of the community, it is thought desirable to amend the clause so as to enable them to carry on their calling. The amendment proposed, Sir, will be an amendment to give the Chinese Temples Committee power to exempt these *To Yuen* and indeed any Chinese temple from the provisions of this clause.

Appeal to Governor-in-Council.

There will also be power, as there must be, in the Chinese Temples Committee, to withdraw any exemption which may have been granted. In such case there will be an appeal to the Governor-in-Council. That is to say, there can be an appeal from any refusal by the Chinese Temples Committee to grant exemptions and there can be an appeal from any withdrawal by the Chinese Temples Committee of an exemption which has been granted. These proposed amendments, I may say, have also the approval of the Government. Perhaps I should say that there is no present intention of assuming any financial or other control over establishments of the kind to which these *To Yuen* belong so long as each individual *To Yuen* is conducted lawfully and properly. I have also, Sir, I regret to say, certain drafting amendments to make, which I propose to deal with in Committee. I beg to second the motion of the Colonial Secretary.

The motion was carried.

At a later stage of the meeting, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow moved the second reading of An Ordinance to suppress and prevent abuses in the management of Chinese temples and in the administration of the funds of Chinese temples.

Hon. Dr. Kotewall seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

The Amendments.

During the Committee stage of the Bill, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow moved to add the following sub-clause at the end of clause 4:

"(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or (3) it shall be lawful for the Chinese Temples Committee, referred to in sub-section 7, to exempt any existing or future Chinese temple from the provisions of sub-section (1) or (2) as the case may be. Any such exemption may be withdrawn at any time by the Chinese Temples Committee upon such notice as the said Committee may deem proper.

"(4) If the Chinese Temples Committee refuses to grant any exemption applied for under sub-section (3) or withdraws any exemption granted under the said sub-section, it shall be lawful for the applicant within 14 days from the date of such refusal or withdrawal as the case may be, to appear by petition to the Governor-in-Council, and upon consideration of such petition and of any reply thereto submitted in writing by the Chinese Temples Committee, it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to allow or to dismiss the appeal, and if he allows the appeal the exemption shall be granted or the withdrawal of the exemption shall be cancelled by the Chinese Temples Committee with retrospective effect in each case to the date of refusal or withdrawal as the case may be."

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall seconded the amendment, which was carried.

It was also decided in Committee to add the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Kwong Wah Hospital to the Chinese Temples Committee as a representative of Kowloon.

The Bill passed the Committee stage and the third reading and became law.

Bathing Beaches.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Sir, Pursuant to notice I beg to move the motion:

> "That the answers given this Council on the 19th April, to my questions 4 and 7, are unsatisfactory."

My question 4 is divided into two branches, one of which refers to Repulse Bay and the other to Stanley Bay. My question with reference to Repulse Bay was whether the Government would put up additional bathing cubicles and pavilion accommodation for the use of the public at Repulse Bay. To that, the Colonial Secretary replied: "At present 15 cubicles, 10 feet by 6 feet, are being erected with fresh water showers, water standpipes etc., 10 being for men and 5 for women. No provision is being made for a pavilion." I submit, Sir, pausing there, that that answer to my question with regard to bathing accommodation at Repulse Bay is eminently unsatisfactory, because so far from the Government putting up anything in the way of additional public bathing accommodation in the shape of cubicles for Repulse Bay, they are proposing very much to curtail the bathing accommodation which was recommended less than two years ago by the Bathing Beaches Committee in Sessional Paper No. 12 of 1926, their report being dated 17th July, 1926. Of that Bathing Beaches Committee, the late Dr. Addison was Chairman, and the other members were Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Dr. A. G. M. Severn, Mr. E. W. Carpenter and myself. With regard to the accommodation to be granted to the public at Repulse Bay in the way of bathing cubicles, the Committee made the following recommendation. I am quoting now, Sir, from paragraph (c) of section 11 of their report: "The facilities for bathing for persons not having the use of matshed are at present confined to a few small canvas tents belonging to the Repulse Bay Hotel, for the use of which a charge of 50 cents is made. They are insufficient in number for the purpose they are meant to serve. We recommend that facilities be provided by the erection of two matsheds, one for men and the other for women and children, divided each into 16 cubicles, at spots on which the Committee have agreed and which are known to the representative of the Public Works Department on the Committee, Mr. Carpenter. If this accommodation proves insufficient it should be extended."

Repulse Bay Accommodation.

From that recommendation of the Bathing Beaches Committee, it will be gathered that that Committee, after fully considering the question, came to the conclusion that they ought to put up at Repulse Bay, for the accommodation of the public, two matsheds, each of them divided into 16 cubicles, or in all 32 cubicles. Now, Sir, compare that with the answer to my question. The answer to my question is that at present 15 cubicles are being erected at Repulse Bay, 10 for men and 5 for women. In other words, the proposed accommodation to be put up for the public at Repulse Bay this summer is just under one-half of that recommended by this Committee, who took a great deal of trouble in going into the whole of this bathing question less than two years ago; and I submit, Sir, that is very unsatisfactory indeed. I have read somewhere that the question of public bathing accommodation is a question of transport, but, of course, Sir, that cannot be so, because you cannot expect people to arrive out at Repulse Bay in either a motor car or one of the Hongkong Hotel buses and undress in the sight of everyone else on the beach at Repulse Bay. It is a very crowded beach. It is not, Sir, a place where you can hide away in a corner from the sight of your fellow creatures, and it is therefore absurd, I submit, to say that the question of whether public bathing accommodation should be provided is a question of transport. It cannot be. You want transport to get you there and you want accommodation when you get there.

Question of Transport.

With regard, Sir, to the question of transport, the Hongkong Hotel Company in the summer, and especially on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, run bathing buses at comparatively frequent intervals, and I imagine there would not be very much difficulty if there was a public demand in the Hotel Company making reservations in certain buses beforehand. That cannot be difficult, because to my knowledge there are a number of seats being reserved in the buses in connexion with the ceremony Your Excellency is going to perform in laying the foundation stone of St. Stephen's College at Stanley Bay. Therefore, Sir, transport accommodation is available but it is no good having transport down to the bathing beaches unless you have either a private matshed or there are bathing cubicles to go into. I do hope that the Government will, in dealing with this question of bathing cubicles accommodation at Repulse Bay, pay heed to the recommendations of the Committee who dealt with this matter less than two years ago.

A Picnic Pavilion.

I have also suggested in my question that besides the bathing cubicles, pavilion accommodation should be put up. I am afraid, Sir, that the word "pavilion" which I used has turned out to be a rather foolish term, because some people seem afraid, from what I can gather, that I advocated the erection of a stately pleasure dome with a kiosk, and possibly band stand, Ionic columns and so forth. Instead of pavilion, I ought to have used the word matshed. I intended nothing more serious than a matshed in which people could sit out either before or after bathing with their children and stop there in comfort for sometime, because, Sir, it is absurd to suppose that members of the public would go out to Repulse Bay either on a Saturday afternoon, or Sunday, and simply want to dash out there and after a bathe to dash back. They do want, I submit, in all the circumstances, to have a place in which they can sit down and have a kind of *al fresco* picnic. This is, I think, a neccessary concomitant to public bathing accommodation at Repulse Bay. In fact, I notice in their report, the Bathing Beaches Committee speak of Repulse Bay as one of the beaches which is used partly for bathing and partly for picnics, and there can be no doubt that this is the way in which people who own private matshes use the beach. They do not simply dash into the water and dash out and come away, but they stop there for some hours and have a rest. The public ought to have the same convenience.

Now, Sir, passing on to the second part of my question No. 4 I asked whether the Government would put up bathing cubicles for the use of the public at the Bay near Stanley where private matsheds have already been erected. The answer to that part of my question was as follows:

"The beach at Stanley has been fully allocated; two or three additional sheds might be erected on the high ground above the beach, but this site is not considered suitable." Well, Sir, that answer is unsatisfactory because it does not fit in with the recommendation of the Bathing Beaches Committee. That Committee stated: "There are at present five matsheds at Stanley. It is considered there is room for 22. It is recommended licenses should be granted up to this number." With regard to public bathing accommodation, they recommended that bathing cubicles should be provided on Crown land nearby for eight persons of each sex, the number being increased if necessary, there being ample space for expansion.

A Discrepancy.

Now, Sir, I lay some emphasis on these words "there being ample space available for expansion," because in the Government answer we are told that the beach has been fully allocated, but that two or three additional sheds might be erected on the higher ground above the beach. Obviously, Sir, there is complete discrepancy between the Government answer and the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee who went out there and examined Stanley Bay on the spot.

With regard to the question of transport accommodation for the public to Stanley Bay, I was very much interested when I went out there the other day in connexion with St. Stephen's College site, to find, as I was approaching the winding path that leads down to the beach, a very big motor bus of the Aberdeen Motor Bus Company. I found that a number of enterprising Service men had chartered this Aberdeen motor bus and were going down to this beach. There can be no doubt,

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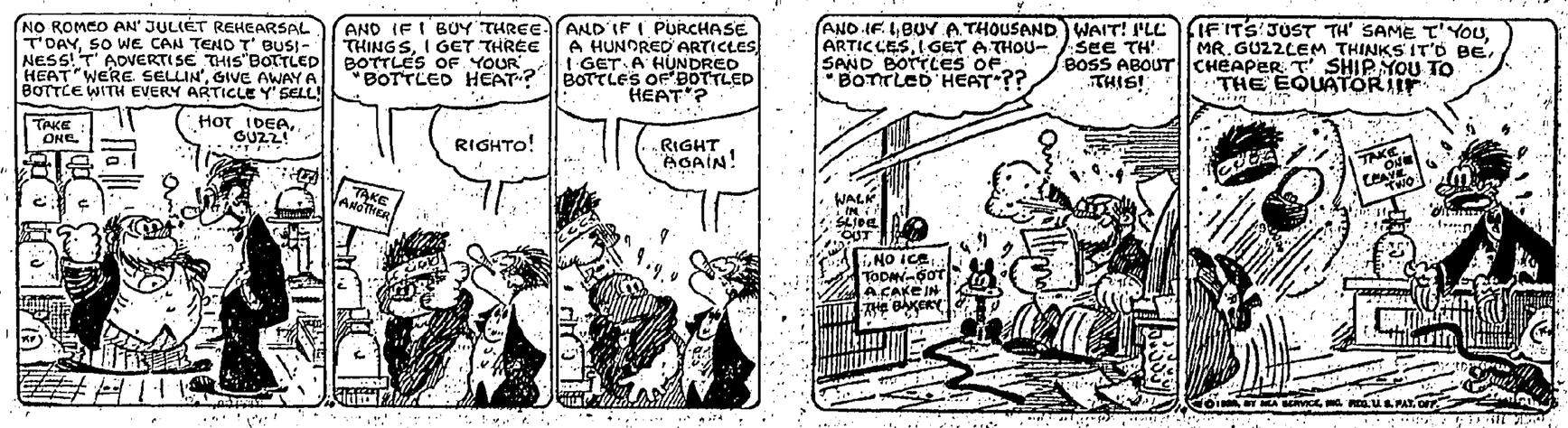
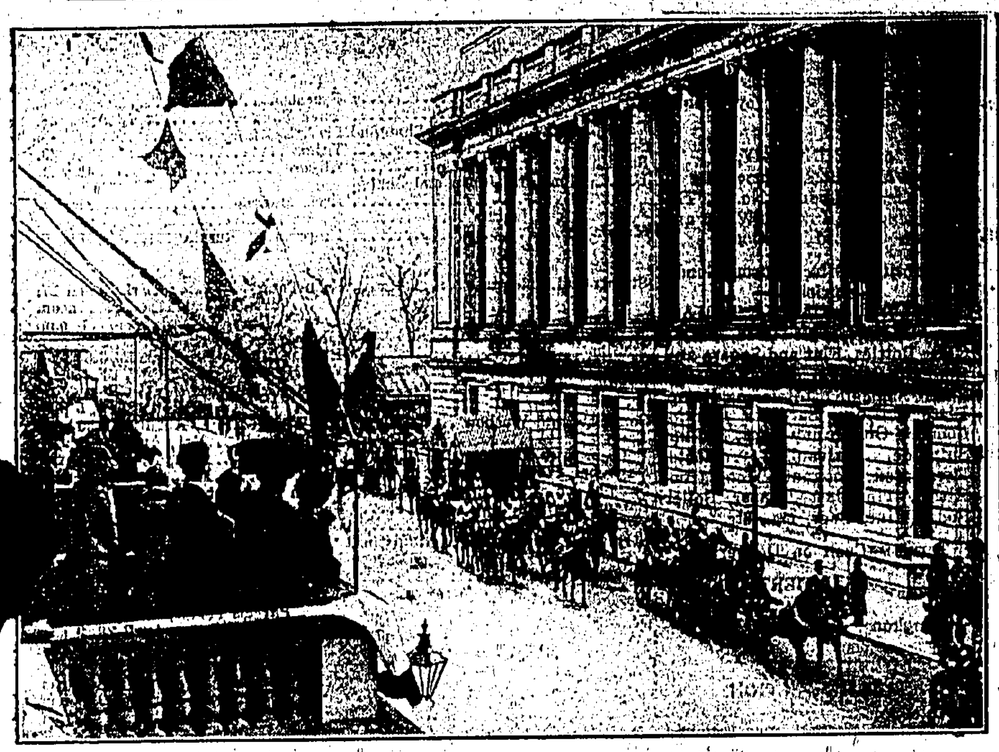




The King, accompanied by the Queen, opened the new Science Museum buildings at South Kensington and afterwards walked round the galleries. Our photograph shows the Royal procession leaving the Museum. The building was designed by Mr. R. J. Allinson, chief architect of the Office of Works. (*Times* copyright).

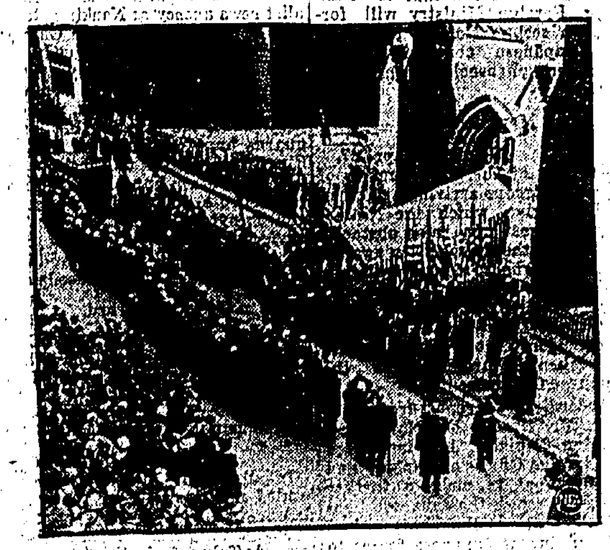
The King and Queen of Afghanistan witnessed a special display by the Royal Air Force at Hendon. A picture showing King Amanullah and Queen Suraiya watching the display. (*Times* copyright).

The scene in the Guildhall during the luncheon given in honour of the visit of the King and Queen of Afghanistan. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Charles Batho, is seen between King Amanullah and Queen Suraiya; the Duke and Duchess of York are on the right and left repectively; Sir Austen Chamberlain is on the extreme left and Lady Batho on the extreme right. (*Times* copyright).

Above is a striking illustration of what happens when an oil tank explodes. It was taken near El Segundo, California, recently.

The King and Queen of Afghanistan being piped aboard the H. M. S. Tiger during their visit to Portsmouth. Previously they had inspected Nelson's Victory in the dockyard. (*Times* copyright).

Shanghai is not content with valedictory gatherings to its big men. The above is a group taken at a farewell party to Master Robert Turnbull, first on the left, prior to his departure for school in Scotland.



Mr. Rodman Wanamaker, merchant prince, art patron and philanthropist, passes to his grave from funeral services at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia. In the two unbatted lines through which the casket was carried to the waiting hearse were many of the country's most distinguished men.

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Entries close at Macao, 2.30 p.m., Thursday, 3rd May.

NOTICE.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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late of No. 10, Arbuthnot Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Retired Merchant deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of The Probate Ordinance 1897 (No. 2 of 1897), made an order limiting the time for sending in claims to or against the above estate to the 15th day of May, 1928.

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UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

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W. R. FINNIGAN,
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Straits	Talma	April 29.
Straits	Alipore	May 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Munroe	May 5.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 7.
Manila	Empress of Russia	May 7.

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For	Per	Date
Straits and Calcutta	Kum Sang	Fri., April 27,
	Parcels	noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Bangkok	Hafthor	Fri., Apr. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Fri., Apr. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	Fri., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Pakhoi	Raymond Poincare	Fri., April 27, 5 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Wing	Fri., April 27, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa	Hague Maru	Fri., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sumsaikai	Fri., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	Fri., April 27, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Pheum Penh	Sat., April 28, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prominent	Fri., April 27, 3.30 p.m.
Formosa	Bonrsoch	Sat., April 28, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Morea	Sat., April 28,
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	April 27, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	April 28, 9 a.m.
	Letters	April 28, 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	April 27, 5 p.m.
	Registration	April 28, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	April 28, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 25th May).	
Straits and Calcutta	Kum Sang	Sat., April 28,
	Parcels	noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Sat., Apr. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Hin Sang	Sat., April 28, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Fooksang	Sat., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Sun., April 29, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru	Sun., April 29, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Apr. 29, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Carnarvonshire	Mon., Apr. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tean	Sun., Apr. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco	Shinyo Maru	Tues., May 1, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 25th May).	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., May 1, 2.00 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., April 30, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Calchas	Tues., May 1,
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	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 1st June).	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia.	President Taft	Tues., May 1.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 21st May).	
Swatow	Yat Shing	Wed., May 2, 10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjikarang	Wed., May 2, 2.30 p.m.

FATE OF TSINANFU UNCERTAIN.

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diers were shot it is alleged, before the evacuation commenced. This action is supposed to serve as a lesson, due to the lack of courage in the Shantung Army. The executions were ordered to convince the rest that they must fight or die.

The main body of the Nationalist troops is still some thirty miles from Tsinanfu, and it is expected that they will arrive sometime to-day, (Thursday).

Japanese Boycott in Fukien.

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

The Fukien Kuomintang Branch Association, the Students' General Union and the General Labour Guild have sent a joint telegram to the Nanking Government protesting against the Japanese despatch of troops to Shantung, and adding that on Saturday, a boycott against Japanese goods will be introduced in Fukien.

General Pei Chung-hsi, the Nationalist leader now controlling Hupeh, has telegraphed that if the Government will adopt a very determined attitude the Japanese must yield to the protest of the Chinese people.

Another Note.

It is understood that the Nanking Foreign Ministry will forward a second Note of protest to the Japanese containing much stronger phraseology than the first.

More Protests.

Shanghai, Apr. 27.

In view of the large number of Japanese troops arriving at Tsinan and Tsingtao, which the Nationalists suggest may raise obstacles to them in their expedition against the Northerners, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is reported to be preparing to call a meeting with the Nationalist leaders at Nanking to consider what measures should be taken in protesting to the Japanese Government.

According to a report from Nanking, Mr. Hwang Fu, Nationalist Foreign Minister, has instructed the Foreign Offices at Nanking and at Shanghai to make a further protest through the Japanese Consul General at Shanghai against the sending of Japanese forces to Shantung.

The Nationalist Foreign Minister declares that the sending of Japanese troops to Shantung, under the pretext of protecting Japanese property and life, infringes the territorial rights of the Nationalist Government. The Japanese Government should withdraw its troops immediately if it really desires to show a friendly attitude to the Nationalist Government and the Chinese people.

Marshal Chiang arrived at Hsuchow on Wednesday and will leave for Nanking within a very short time.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Tsinan Position Obscure.

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

The position of Tsinanfu is vague. It is possible that bodies of Northerners hold portions of the city, but their powers of resistance are stultified owing to the ineptitude of their commanders.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's spectatcular advance is largely due to the employment of Mahommedan cavalry from Kansu. A body of them is now reported to be on the north bank of the Yellow River, moving on Tehchow.

Chang Tso Lin is feverishly rushing to this point all the troops he can raise in Manchuria for the purpose of stemming the Northern advance.—*Reuter.*

Conflicting Reports.

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

Northern and Southern reports on the position at Tsinanfu are utterly conflicting. The Nationalist news agency at Nanking states that Feng Yu-hsiang's and Chiang Kai-shek's armies arrived at Tsinanfu on Wednesday night and are now rounding up the Chihli-Shantung remnants, while a portion of the Nationalist vanguards have crossed the Yellow River from Tsinan to Tehchow.

On the other hand Reuter's correspondents at Chefoo, Tientsin and Tsingtao state that foreign advices from Tsinanfu show that the city was still in the hands of the Northerners on Wednesday.

Britons Warned.

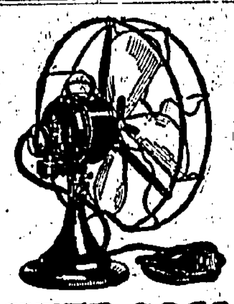
Peking, Apr. 26.

The British Consul at Chefoo has advised Britons to remove to Weihaiwei.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Troops Land.

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

In all, 1,400 Japanese troops landed at Tsingtao from the coast defence vessel Kasuga yesterday morning. They were rushed by train towards Tsinanfu in the afternoon under Major General Saito.—*Reuter.*



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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

POSITION OF WORKERS IN SHOPS.

STUDY IN DEPARTMENT.

A study of 97 workers in department stores who had never complained of foot trouble revealed the fact that 37 had foot trouble or footstrain.

Forty-three wore shoes that were too short.

Forty had heels which upset the body build.

Nineteen others wore heels so high that they were injurious.

In 59 cases the shoes were so badly fitted that they produced distortions of the feet.

Rubber heels are of advantage in lessening noise and in aiding walking. Ventilation is better in low shoes than in high shoes, but above everything else, the shoes must fit the feet.

Girls from 15 to 25 were found to be the most likely to buy shoes too short or too narrow, and indeed to buy them wholly for appearance and without relation to their use.

The investigation of health control in mercantile life made by the Harvard medical school indicated that department store employees seldom are likely to dress suitably. Fashions dictate to them just as they do to the household worker or the woman of leisure. Furs in summer and thin stockings in winter are worn if they are the mode.

Frequently stores and business establishments are compelled to heat them to an undue extent in winter because of the thin clothing and the small amount of it worn by women workers.

Many establishments insist that employees wear a certain colour of garment, but naturally cannot demand a thickness or quality that will be desirable. This is left to the employees.

The department store investigations showed that objectionable odours about the bodies of workers were a frequent cause of discomfort to employees. The cause is usually excessive sweating, which can be overcome by a daily warm bath with soap and a daily change of underclothing.

Where such odours persist, and when they are due to some infectious distubance of the nose or of some other portion of the body, the person should have medical attention.

RUBBER AND MINING.

LATEST QUOTATIONS AND DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on rubber and mining shares:

Quotations.

Allenbys	$1.40
Glenealys	1.60
Jimahs	1.25
Kedahs	2.70
Lunas	1.40
Malaka Pindas	1.10
Pajams	1.30

Dividends.

Tin Bentong	2/-
Ting Kil	7½%
Kinta Tin Dredging (int.)	5 %
Ulu Yam	1/-

Paris, Mar. 20.—A Paris jeweller, Marcel Gayet, aged 35, jumped with a parachute from the Eiffel Tower at midday today and was killed. Gayet had always been interested in parachutes and was anxious to test the new model he had just constructed. He went to the Eiffel Tower with a few friends at lunchtime, when there is scarcely anybody about, but instead of mounting to the top he stopped at the first platform, climbed the railings and jumped. The parachute did not have a chance of opening and he crashed to the ground, his backbone, arms and legs being

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Pendant Vogue.

FASHION "ON A STRING."

Fashion is literally hanging on a string this spring.

New ideas in jewellery are capturing the feminine fancy, as a variation from the ropes of pearls which, while still popular, have lost their novelty. The dressmakers, who, since the beginning of the era of fashionable fancy jewellery, have done much to create new vogues in ornaments, threw out a line to their patrons in the form of a length of black cord with a jewelled plaque or pendant as the glittering bait.

The feminine bites have exceeded all anticipations, and a sudden demand for black cord by the mile has developed. The cord is of the rounded eye-glass order, thin and silky-looking, and the pendant or plaque may reach to a point near the base of the chest or dangle further.

The decoration on the end of the cord may be small or large, a single cabochon or an elaborate piece of modern setting in the form of a mosiac of semi-precious stones.

Sometimes a chunk of crystal or a beautiful example of carved jade or a combination of black onyx with brilliants or deep red coral is preferred. Choice is dictated by the colour and style of the dress worn with it. Brilliants and old paste accord with the present feeling for black, and the dressmaking rule is that gowns should have their matching jewels—at the end of the cord.

The above model is of delicate pink chiffon. The billowing, uneven hem adds its quota to the swaying silhouette.

Art Silk.

ALMOST REACHED PERFECTION.

The history of silk is of immemorial antiquity. There are records of a Chinese princess who was taking elaborate steps to supply herself with silken garments more than four thousand years ago. To tell the romantic story of how silk was first introduced into India and then became the occasion of the earliest, tentative and fumbling, contacts between the luxurious culture of the East and the still immature civilisation of Greece and Rome, would be to write a great part of the history of the ancient world.

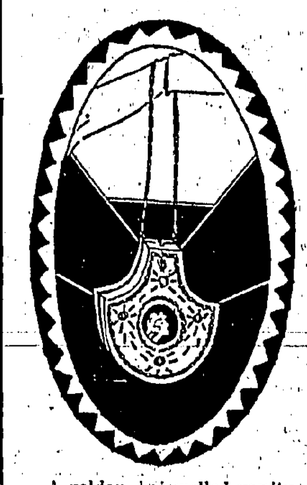
Suffice it to say that for countless generations silk has been the material of the richest fabrics that have gone to the adornment of Man. Always it has been rare and costly; for not till our own day has human ingenuity succeeded in imitating the exquisite craftsmanship of the

Spinning Worms,

That in their green shops weave the smooth-hair'd silk"

It is only within the last twenty years that a material almost indistinguishable from the natural product has been made on a large scale, if not from a sow's ear, at least from substances scarcely more promising, and so has brought within the reach of millions what was once the luxury of the great ones of the earth.

More Vanity.



A golden, bejewelled vanity case becomes more vain by wearing a lovely cameo in the centre.

A Child's Thought.

It is very nice to know
That I am made so neatly,
And that my little skin and bones
Cover me completely.

For I should blush for very shame
If, when I was a-thinking,
My skin and bones should come undone
And leave my mind a-blinking.

And all my wicked thoughts and feelings
Naked in the light.
Oh! I'm extremely glad to feel
My fastenings are tight.

Metallic Fabrics.

SOME VERY SMART EFFECTS.

The gypsy sash and the Spanish coatee are both revivals of arresting interest. What they actually foreshadow it is impossible to say, but as individual details they command attention.

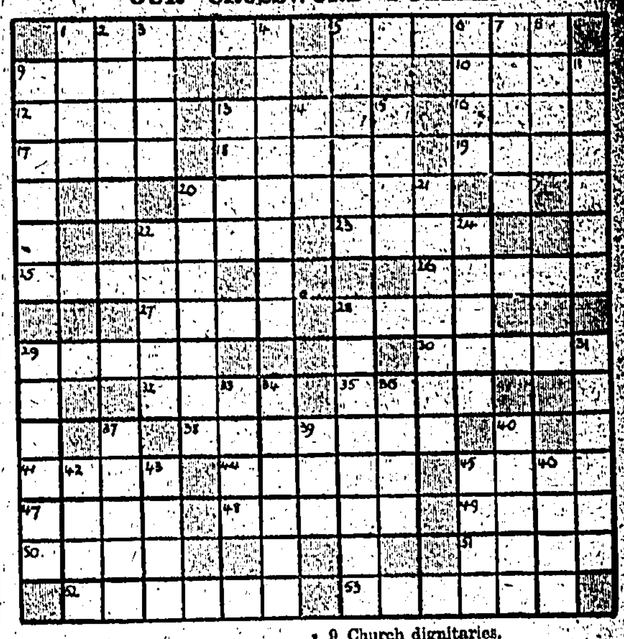
Probably, one of the most daring mingling effects is being wrought with metal materials; one sees silver and gold, and aluminium, gold and shades of copper, aluminium and gold, and graduated tones of silver and gold. This being so, nothing is easier than to evolve a most effective and ravishing frock out of remnants, or short lengths of these fabrics.

A remnant of gold tissue or lame can make a slim, long bodice, that disappears beneath a closely draped gipsy sash of coppery bronze tissue. The ends of this sash, after knotting directly in the centre front, fly loose, and a strip of brown fur can be posed with excellent effect at one side.

For the skirt of such a frock, gold lace looks well, and there is so little of this required that a deep lace-bordered net would meet the case. Taking rough measurements, it would be the simplest task to pick up the component parts of this creation, and so acquire a dance dress, that in addition to being extremely attractive, gives the key-note of future fashion.

Uneven panels skillfully balance so that four points nearly touch the floor on both sides, leaving the front and back short for the dancer's convenience. A narrow ribbon bands the waistline.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

1 Immersed.
5 Digging instruments.
9 Secret writing.
10 Exclamation expressive of grief.
12 State emphatically.
13 Aids.
16 Temper.
17 Trim.
18 Vision of that which is perfect.
19 Understand.
20 Delighted.
22 Comfort.
23 Travel in the water.
25 Cut short.
26 Fabricates.
27 Articles of food.
28 Strike.
29 Fragment.
30 Hip-bone.
32 Journey.
35 Headland.
38 Dry up.
41 British river.
44 Mistake.
46 To be spiritless.
47 Ladies title.
48 Extenuate.
49 Always.
50 Trees.
51 Afternoon meals.
52 Consuming.
53 Cuts off.

Down.

1 Kind of pigeon.
2 Notions.
3 Lively.
4 Machines for taking up mud.
5 Divisions of the calyx.
6 Dismal.
7 African antelope.
8 Kind of starch.
9 Church dignitaries.
11 Seamstresses.
13 Runs with haste.
14 Meadow.
15 Killed.
20 Senior Girl Guides.
21 Obscure.
22 Build.
24 Tree.
28 Unleavened cakes of oatmeal.
29 Show.
31 Measureing instruments.
33 Paragraph.
34 Shaving.
36 Square measure.
37 Punctuation mark.
39 Water jug.
40 Sweetheart.
42 Valley.
43 Bird's home.
45 Measure out.
46 Vegetables.

Yesterday's Solution.

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21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended April 29th, 1907.

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The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 1.9/16d.

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H.M.S. Bedford arrived in Hongkong to relieve H.M.S. Diadem.

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The Pacific Mail Steamship Companys' liner Mongolia went ashore near Moji, but was later refloated.

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The s.s. Hosan Maru, of the O. S. K. fleet, was launched at Kobe.

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Shareholders of the Canton River Iron Bridge Company met at Honam and elected officials.

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Dr. Wu Ting-fang arrived in Canton to make the necessary arrangements for the establishment of the Canton-Kowloon Railway Bureau.

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Severe earthquake shocks were reported from Bulgaria.

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In a friendly shooting match, the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association defeated H.M.S. Waterwitch. Amongst the former team were Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse and Mr. L. G. Bird.

FUNNY FILM.

"COHENS AND KELLYS IN PARIS."

There are innumerable funny incidents in "The Cohens and Kellys in Paris," now being screened at the Queen's Theatre. At the first showings yesterday, the large audiences thoroughly enjoyed seeing the old familiar business partners in the unusual surroundings of Parisian life. All manner of things happen to them, including exciting scuffles in a gay night-cafe and scares in the boudoir of an artist's model, to say nothing of Cohen becoming involved in a duel. The incidents are, of course, much exaggerated, but one has to remember that it is sheer farce which is being presented.

Cohen is played by George Sydney, and he is as good as ever. We have seen Kelly done better than by J. Farrel McDonald, but, all the same, he is responsible for some of the most humorous bits in this funny film. Vera Gordon and Katie Price as the respective wives are extremely good, whilst the rest of the cast is admirably allotted.

Those who want a good laugh should see this Cohen and Kelly comedy.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang and Mr. Chang Pat-tsze were appointed co-Presidents of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

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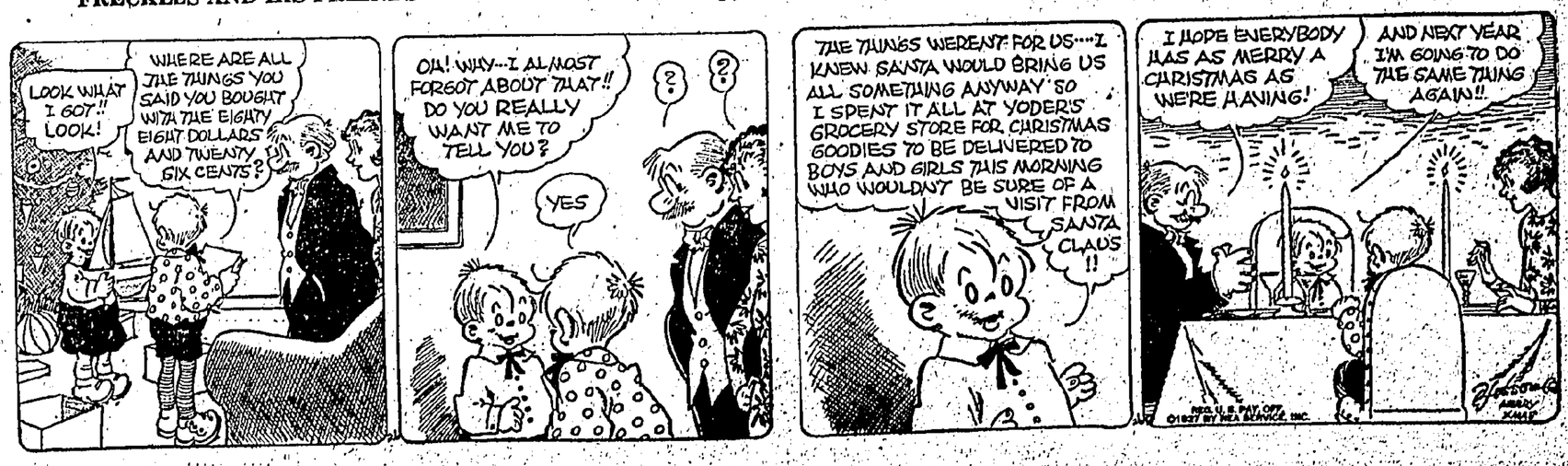

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RATING REFORM.

We made some mention yesterday, in our comments on Mr. Churchill's Budget, of the vitally important question of rating relief, which has deservedly been given a prominent place in the Government's future programme. It is interesting to recall that this matter has of late been the subject of much speculation at Home, as it has long since been known that the Government intended making an attempt to deal with this very complicated problem. In the recent King's Speech, it was stated that Ministers were engaged upon enquiries into the possibility of affording some relief from the rating burdens born by the producing community, and into the changes in local government which would thereby be involved. We are now told that the Government has completed its plans, and that a Valuation Ascertainment Bill is shortly to be introduced to give effect thereto. This is obviously a big project, for Mr. Churchill says that about a year will be required to achieve the de-rating process.

So long ago as July last, in a speech at Honiton, and later when speaking in Scotland, Mr. Churchill touched upon this problem. The points then made were that, pound for pound, local rates were a worse burden than Imperial taxes. They vary capriciously between one part of the country and another, and, unlike the Income Tax, they are levied whether there are any profits or not. Another circumstance is that they penalise invidiously the producer in town or country who has to use extensive premises or bulky tools to carry on his business. They fall most heavily upon the basic industries which employ the largest number of workmen, and they also fall with aggravating effect upon the struggling business whose plant, already rated to the full, is running, perhaps, at only half or quarter capacity. It must not be forgotten, either, as Mr. Churchill pointed out some time back, that whereas the system of national taxation is revised every year by Parliament, the local rates are still levied on principles dating from the 16th Century. It is with such points as these in mind that the Government has now decided to direct its attention to this extremely important aspect of the country's affairs. So far, nothing has been disclosed as to the precise nature of the plans contemplated, but there is evidently to be a thorough-going overhauling of the whole system of local rating. In recent years—and the Baldwin Government is not free from blame in this regard—there has been far too great a tendency to transfer burdens from the National Budget on to the rates, until the load has at length become unbearable. All manner of anomalies exist, too. There are even instances in which a business situate on one side of a street has been far more heavily rated than another on the opposite side, merely because by arbitrary demarcation bounds they have happened to be situate in different Boroughs.

One issue which arises in connexion with this matter is that of the relief of the able-bodied poor. Many political writers have urged that the whole function of relieving these people should be taken over by the Government and not left in the hands of local authorities. This would prove a great boon to the necessitous areas. At the present time, the abolition of Boards of Guardians is contemplated, and inasmuch as the Government is now embarking on a scheme for relieving rates, it would seem an appropriate time at which to transfer the relief of the able-bodied, not to the County Councils, but to the State. It is possible that some such proposal will eventually be put forward when the details of the Government scheme are made known. In any event, there is ample scope for reform in dealing with this rating question, and we shall await with deep interest the legislation which is to give effect to the Government's resolve to take the matter in hand.

The Window-Smashing Epidemic.

Decidedly it was a surprise to find the escapades of a few soldiers in Hongkong treated by the House of Commons as a serious matter. The Labourites were evidently of the opinion that this Colony had been annoying the Tommies considerably to cause them to commit assault and battery upon our windows, but Mr. Kirkwood appears to have been the only one to gain any satisfaction from the brief discussion on the subject. It so happened that he was enabled by Sir Laming Worthington-Evans' treatment of the matter to allow his wayward tongue a loose rein to the extent of protesting against the War Minister's "arrogant attitude." This, of course, did not assist in solving the question of whether there exists any serious discontent among the troops in Hongkong, but undoubtedly reassurance to the House will be forthcoming within a few days. Our representative interviewed the local military authorities yesterday and Headquarters, as was to be expected, made light of the matter. Indeed, Messrs. Ullmann's, Whiteaway Laidlaw's and the other firms concerned may remark upon a certain levity, and suggest that if it is true that soldiers get "fed-up" and must relieve their feelings, they might choose a medium a trifle less painful from the business point of view. It was also suggested that it is incorrect to suppose the military offenders indulge in window-smashing in the hope of gaining imprisonment and ultimately release from the Service, Command Orders having made it clear that the offence would not be dealt with by this means. With this we cannot entirely agree. It has travelled through the ranks that civil sentence means discharge, and in addition, every barrack-room no doubt has its lay-lawyer, who will expound to his brothers-in-arms his views on the Command Order. It must not, however, be supposed, because one or two soldiers are tired of life in Hongkong, that there is a general feeling of discontent. We all get a trifle aggrieved with our jobs at some time or other, and Tommy is only human after all. Perhaps it is liver, and a ration of "Fruit Salts" would prove efficacious!

Among the passengers arriving on the P. and O. Malwa yesterday were a number of people well known locally. Those on board included Miss E. G. George, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jacks, Miss L. Bull, Mrs. G. R. Smith, Lieut. A. E. Buck, C.S.M. Johnson, Mrs Watts, Eng. Comdr. H. Hall, Mr. H. R. Simpson, Mr. G. M. Field, Mr. D. H. Williams, Capt. H. Atkinson, Mr. J. A. Bloomfield, Mr. N. M. Smith, and Mr. J. D. Lloyd.

DAY BY DAY.

A WOMAN WITH A MASCULINE MIND IS NOT A BEING OF SUPERIOR EFFICIENCY; SHE IS SIMPLY A PHENOMENON OF IMPERFECT DIFFERENTIATION.—INTERESTINGLY BARREN AND WITHOUT IMPORTANCE.—*Joseph Conrad.*

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Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows two Chinese case of small-pox and one British case of typhoid fever.

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Sister Williams, of the Victoria Hospital, has reported to the police the theft from her quarters of a travelling clock, valued at $25.

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Messrs. Ellis and Edgar, share and general brokers, have issued an interesting booklet showing the fluctuations of local and other stocks on the Hongkong Stock Exchange during March.

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A Chinese was remanded by Major C. Willson, at the Police Court this morning, on charges of being in possession of forged Central Bank notes of a face value of $100 and of fraudulently obtaining a watch and $45 by virture of these notes.

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On Chatham Road, Kowloon an alarm of fire was raised on Wednesday night at about seven o'clock. The fire brigade from the Kowloon Station responded to find that a fire had broken out in a chimney, but had been put out almost immediately by the inmates.

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In aid of the Piano Fund of the Union Church at Kowloon a concert will be held in the Church tonight, commencing at 9 o'clock. The Artists include Mrs. Mimey, Surg-Lieut. Bradfield, R.N., Mr. J. Braga, Miss Aitcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and a male voice party.

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On the occasion of the birthday of the Emperor of Japan on Sunday, the Japanese Consul General will receive the congratulations of the Government officials, members of the Consular Body and foreign members of the Hongkong community at the Hongkong Hotel from 10 a.m. to 10.40 a.m.

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The vernacular papers report that a rich Chinese merchant has offered to give the local Confucian Association a piece of ground adjacent to the site of the new Branch Tung Wah Hospital in Sookumpoo for the erection of a big hall for the Confucian Association. The ground is said to have an area of 80,000 feet.

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A vernacular report states that the two Chinese representatives in the Legislative Council, Sir Shouson Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall together with a number of prominent Chinese merchants will give a dinner at the Kam Ling Restaurant, West Point, on the evening of May 11, at which the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, and Mrs. Wolfe will be the guests of honour.

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There was a large audience at the Club Lusitano last evening, when a concert was given by Professor Guglielmo Cattaneo (pianist) and Signora Grannina Carvico (soprano). These two artistes sustained the whole programme, and they were loudly applauded for many of their numbers. Classical items predominated in the programme. For the occasion, a special piano was secured from the Anderson Music Company.

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Announcement is made by the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., of the appointment of Mr. Whitey Smith to the post of music and entertainment manager of the entire system of hotels. Mr. Smith returned to Shanghai on the *Empress* of Canada after a visit to Hongkong, where he conferred with officials of the hotel company. Plans are now under way for several new and novel forms of entertainment for patrons of the hotels operated by the company both in Shanghai and other cities of the Orient.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Apr. 25.
Paris	124
New York	4.88 15/16
Brussels	34.93
Geneva	25.32
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	92.68
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.24
Vienna	34.67½
Prague	164½
Helsingfors	193¾
Madrid	29.12½
Athens	374½
Bucharest	782½
Rio	5.59/64
Buenos Aires	47.13/16
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Shanghai	2/6
Hongkong	2/0
Yokohama	1/11.25/64
Silver (spot)	26½
Silver (forward)	26⅝

—*British Wireless.*

LIFE IN HONGKONG.

PEN-PICTURE BY FORMER RESIDENT.

The following article, written by a former Hongkong lady resident now at Home, appeared in the *Daily Express* of March 29th.

Life for the Briton in Hongkong to-day is calm and peaceful compared with a year ago.

We have now no refugees pouring in, from administrative officers, mercantile representatives and missionaries, to the coolie class, who all fled to the comparative safety of Hongkong from the disturbed and turbulent interior.

The Fleet is depleted, the ships are sailing for home, Malta or Gibraltar, leaving behind them more memories than those occasioned by their flying flags and merry music.

Feeling of Security.

The Army too: we had grown quite accustomed to the thrills of large numbers of British soldiers at drill, marching or at play. The helmeted khaki-clad fellow-countrymen gave us a comfortable feeling of security, but, like the Navy, the greater part has left us, and long may they remember the gratitude with which we met and sped them.

Gradually we have settled down to normal life, our refugees have gone, and now that horseracing is in full swing and we are enjoying that all-too-short span of cool weather which the elements vouchsafe to us in the twelve months, we are to be envied.

Not but that we did not enjoy having the refugees from the war-ridden provinces of China. They brought considerable interest and excitement to us, and except for the natural worry consequent on leaving home and belongings they, too, enjoyed their change.

Life in what is "home" for some Britons in the corners of our far-flung Empire can be, and frequently is, dull and boring.

At Happy Valley.

Like other places out East, we have our Happy Valley, and it is here that the different sports, so vital to us as a nation, hold their sway.

The brilliant colours of the jockeys' riding kit, the colourful brocades of the kimonos worn by the Chinese women racing devotees, and our own gay European dress, with the clear champagne-like air and brilliant sun, make a picture never to be forgotten when Happy Valley satellites are enjoying a winter day's racing commensurate with its name.

Forgotten for the moment are the muggy, steamy days and nights when it was almost an effort to light a cigarette, and when the tyre wonders what a stitch of dry clothing feels like. Are we not revelling in the twelve weeks' "coolth," which is Hongkong's winter, when health is recouped and life renewed?

The interport cricket week, when teams from Shanghai and Malaya come to challenge ours, is also a gay and cheery event.

Day after day we turn out in our finery, and nowhere is there a more appreciative audience.

Tea at a Famous Club.

Then, for one of the loveliest sights imaginable, commend me to the one of Hongkong Harbour when the yachts—red and white wings of ocean—are racing, when members are "teaing" at the famous club, and when ships of all nations are coming and going, from the mighty British man-o'-war and the floating palaces of America to a sail-patched pirate junk.

Behind all this is the veritable fairyland which comprises Hongkong, the land-locked harbour, and the Peak with its tiers of lordly mansions and such verdure as the world can surely show nowhere else.

Clubs are essential for exiles, and Hongkong is not lacking in these. They are at once a blessing and a joy. Here is to be seen the Briton, of both genders, at his and her best, and here is extended the hand of fellowship.

The "Hongkong stare" is proverbial out East, and although the passing traveller may have excuse for believing in its truth, it is refuted when the ice is broken.

Human Life Stories.

In our courts of justice is to be found the most interesting of material. Human life stories are always that; but what with the necessity of interpreters, the numerous domestic questions arising from polygamy, the ever present pirate clans, reminding one of Conrad's characters; the ubiquitous opium smugglers versed alike in craft and ingenuity, here is interest and guile in abundance.

Dancing is such a feature all over the world that it seems superfluous to mention it.

But, near Hongkong, at Repulse Bay Hotel, on a carnival night, when myraids of phosphorescent lights on the sea vie with Chinese lanterns in ballroom and on balconies, when golden sands and moonlit waters tempt us from the strains of jazz, then, indeed, is dancing presented to be in the very realms of Queen Mab herself.

Y. C.

The Very Edge!

A few weeks ago an American girl gave her wooer a list of commandments to subscribe to before she would consent to marry him. The wooer read the list and forthwith ceased to woo.

Recently an American bridegroom presented to his bride a set of rules of conduct when they met at the altar for the ceremony. The bride read the rules, which contained such items as: You will do the washing up; you must have my meals ready punctually; you must avoid looking at men. By way of answer she threw the bouquet at the bridegroom, tore off her wedding veil and then tore off home in high dudgeon and a taxi-cab.

Young lovers, in spite of evidence all around them, like to believe that their married life will be the eternal honeymoon. It is better that a couple should start thus and then adapt themselves gently to unforeseen little realities. For either to visualise their marriage beforehand as all realities and no romance is not the very best augury for future bliss.

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Father: Aren't you ashamed to be at the bottom in a class of 28 boys.

Willy: It might be worse.

Father: How could it be?

Willy: Suppose there were 40 boys in the class?

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Middle-aged men in increasing numbers, are discovering that modern golf is a most fatiguing game, and that their health is no better for playing it. Dr. Dearden frankly says that the pastime is a nerve-irritant of a pernicious order, and that no hard worker should engage in it unless he be a fine player. Obviously the foozler who sets off with a card and averages ten strokes a hole and wanders over miles of rough, is a miserable man for the rest of the day.

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While grandpa may expect to live 60 years, his grandchild has a chance to stretch it into 70. A noted medical authority, Dr. Charles Mayo, of Chicago, says that science is conquering hazards of middle age to such an extent that within two generations the expectancy of life should be ten years longer than the present average of 60.

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Father: Suppose we call the baby Zopheir?

Mother: Oh, poor kid! What does it stand for?

Father: Nothing, only it'll work out his cross-word puzzle.

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It is reported from Vermont that a syndicate of prominent residents of Boston and Montreal associated with Francis Ouimet, the former United States open golf champion is establishing a "wet" golf club on the Vermont boundary with a club house situated on the Canadian side of the boundary line where a legal "nineteenth hole" can be obtained. It is not expected that there will be any difficulty in golfers crossing and recrossing the boundary, as there is no duty on golf clubs and used golf balls, nor are the immigration regulations expected to hinder the crossing and recrossing during play. An aviation field will be laid down in connexion with the course.

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Aged 85 years, a Lucas (Kansas) man is giving away cigars in celebration of the birth of a 10-pound baby boy. Three years ago his wife, who is now 23, gave birth to a baby girl.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

MANY IN TO-MORROW'S TELEGRAPH."

To-morrow's *Telegraph* will contain an admirably varied selection of topical pictures dealing with local activities during the past week.

In the realm of sport, there will be excellent snapshots taken at the South China Command and the Royal-Artillery meetings, as well as a group of the Army and Civilian football teams which met in the final of the Lai Wah Cup, together with snapshots of some of the play. There will also be a picture of St. Stephen's College Students with sporting trophies.

Groups taken at the recent dinner of the Chinese and British Medicine Associations and at the inaugural function of the Euro-American Chinese Returned Students' Union will also appear.

Other pictures will relate to the foundation stone laying ceremoney of the new wing of Morrison Hall at the University and to the recent wedding of Mr. W. Lumsden and Miss McKelvie at Union Church.

POLICE INSPECTOR RETIRING.

INTERESTING CAREER WITH THE NAVY.

PRESENTATION TO-DAY

A period of service with the local police extending over a period of between 15 and 16 years will be broken to-morrow when Sub-Inspector A. E. T. Brown, in charge of the Water Police, is leaving the Colony, on retirement, by the P. and O. s.s. Morea. Sub-Inspector Brown has spent the greater part of his service afloat and has been twice commended, once by His Excellency the Governor and once by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

A popular and conscientious officer, Mr. Brown has made a great number of friends by whom he will be missed, all of whom, however, will wish him every happiness and prosperity in his retirement.

A native of London, Mr. Brown joined the Navy in July, 1898, and received his early training on board the training ship Lion at Devonport. Two years later, he joined H.M.S. Resolute, attached to the Channel Fleet. In June of the following year, he was transferred to H.M.S. Narcissus, after which he was sent to the Mediterranean Station on H.M.S. Vulcan in 1902, remaining there for three years.

Following this, he underwent a course of training in a torpedo school, at a time when torpedoes were in their infancy. Having qualified, he was transferred to Torpedo Boat (T. B.) No. 111. From this type of vessel his next appointment was to the "Fly" class, being transferred to the Gadfly, the first oil fuel boat to be introduced into the British Navy. This class was later distinguished by numbers, the Gadfly taking No. 6.

On October 1, 1910, Mr. Brown was attached to H.M.S. Newcastle which was commissioned for the China Station to replace H.M.S. Bedford. While in Hongkong he completed his naval service of 14 years and four months, and joined the local Water Police on October 31, 1912. He was made Lance Sergeant on December 1, 1919, Crown Sergeant on June 1, 1920, and Sub-Inspector on May 2, 1923. Mr. Brown succeeded Sub-Inspector Bond who retired last year.

Sub-Inspector Brown was commended by His Excellency the Governor for zeal and initiative in tracking down and finally arresting three Chinese who were later charged with piracy and murder in connexion with the piracy of the steam launch Sai Kung, on September 12, two years ago. Two men were sentenced to death and the third was acquitted at the Criminal Sessions.

More recently he was commended by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., for zeal and hard work performed during last year as Sub-Inspector in charge of the Water Police.

While at Home on his last leave in 1922 Sub-Inspector Brown married Miss E. Vincent, who is a sister of Sub-Inspector E. A. Vincent (Finger-Print Department), who is now Home on leave.

Presentation This Morning.

In recognition of the esteem and respect in which he is held by his colleagues, Inspector Brown was, at the Water Police Station this morning, presented with a gold watch and chain.

The presentation was made by Inspector John Ogg, who, in a short speech, said the duty fell upon him on account of the unavoidable absence of a Superintendent. It would be superfluous for him to enlarge upon the many good points of Inspector Brown as they were well-known to all. He was a man without any bad points.

In asking Inspector Brown to accept the watch and chain, Inspector Ogg hoped that he would have the luck to wear it for a very long time.

Inspector Brown suitably replied and commented upon the assistance he had received from Inspector Ogg when he first joined the Force. Referring to the members of the Water Police, the speaker thanked them for their co-operation, especially in the early days when they were required to work for eight hours continuously, with leave only once every three months.

In conclusion, Inspector Brown invited all present to visit him at his Home should they ever have the opportunity.

Yesterday the Chinese members of the Water Police presented Inspector Brown with a suitably inscribed scroll.

The Empress of Russia, arriving from Manila with 261 steerage passengers, reports the death of one *en route*, the cause being stated as tuberculosis.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Ferry Complaint.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—Permit me to make a few remarks in reply to the attack on the European Inspector at the Star Ferry. I have known Mr. Beatty for a few years and have always found him to be a gentleman in every sense of the word, quietly courteous and always polite. Your correspondent is perhaps suffering from "liver" but, even so, why take it out on Mr. Beatty, a man who has "done his bit" in the past war and is holding down his present position with apparent satisfaction to his employers?

As for there being no need for this European Inspector, I and many others beg to differ. We are able to launch any complaints or obtain information from a European Inspector with the knowledge that we will be intelligently understood and intelligently answered. This was an impossibility before the European Inspector was appointed.—Yours etc.,

CANUCK.

Hongkong, Apr. 27th, 1928.

Sir,—I am not convinced that any passengers on the Ferry will share "H.M.P.'s" opinion that a European inspector at the wharf entrance is an unnecessary nuisance to travellers.

On the contrary, I am of the opinion that his presence there has proved a boon. With a five-minute service at several periods during the day and in view of the increased traffic—nowadays, it is imperative that times and rules must be adhered to. I have had the gate slammed in my face more than once, but I don't squeal and blame an official. I'm out of luck, that's all. And what's a five-minutes wait anyhow?

I sincerely trust that the Ferry Company will take no notice of "H.M.P." and what appears to be petty spite.—Yours, etc.,

OLD RESIDENT.

Kowloon, Apr. 27th, 1928.

Sir,—Reference to the letter appearing yesterday, headed "Ferry Complaint," may I trespass on your space with a few rythmical remarks?

When you miss the mid-day ferry,
Kick somebody!
If you've stayed for one more sherry,
Kick somebody!
If you waste your boss's time
Scribbling rot, line after line,
That boss would act really fine,
If he kicked somebody!

Yours, etc.,

TIKKUT PLEAS.

Hongkong, April 27th, 1928.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

TWO SHARE PRIZE WITH NINE CORRECT.

One of the greatest surprises in last week's Home football was the defeat of Huddersfield by Blackburn Rovers in the final of the English Cup. There were also a number of other surprising results and no fewer than four of the matches given on our football competition coupon resulted in a draw. For these reasons it was not surprising that relatively few claims were received. There were two competitors who each forecasted nine matches correctly on one coupon, and these share the prize of $25. They are:

Mrs. J. Hughes,
127, Wongneichong Road,
Happy Valley

Mr. Ng Kin,
C/o Royal Hongkong Golf Club,
York Building.

If these competitors will kindly call at this office we shall be pleased to hand them their shares of the prize money.

This week's coupon will be found on another page of this issue.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

PROPOSED DIVIDENDS FOR 1926 and 1927.

We are officially informed that the General Agents and Consulting Committee of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., will, at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders, to be held on Thursday the 17th May, recommend a final dividend of $22 per share in respect of Working Account for 1926, the addition of $100,000 to Reinsurance Fund, and of $508,202.75 to Underwriting Suspense Account. They will further recommend the payment of an interim dividend of $18 per share in respect of Working Account for 1927, and that the balance of $2,324,981.89 be carried forward.

FACING ECONOMIC SUICIDE.

CHINA'S PROBLEMS ARE ANALYSED.

BIG NATIONALIST SCHEMES OUTLINED.

FOREIGN FRIENDSHIP.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

"China to-day is actually facing a crisis which, for the lack of a more appropriate name might be called economic suicide." Such is the view of Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour of the Nationalist Government. Dr. Kung in a lengthy manifesto defines the administrative programme of his office, while at the same time pointing out the seriousness of the existing situation.

He states that the country to-day is engaged in an economic struggle of the first magnitude and salvation can only come from the adjustment and improvement of conditions of the industrial and commercial classes of this country.

Recuperation Needed.

He pleads for the revitilization of the spirit of enterprise and suggests that steps should be taken for launching new enterprises or for the development of existing enterprises on a large scale. To allow this he stresses the need for a period of "complete recuperation."

He hopes to foster the growth of technical ability by affording technical experts suitable employment and additional facilities. Due stimulus, in the form of governmental recognition and special protection is also promised. Further he promises to promote Sino-foreign friendship and commercial intercourse, and welcomes the employment of foreign capital for the "greater promotion of commercial and industrial enterprises of exceptional dimensions."

Seeks Rightful Place.

In the course of his manifesto, Dr. Kung says:

As all are aware, the main purpose of the revolutionary campaign is to seek for our country her rightful place of the independence and equality in the family of nations, a status so uncompromisingly insisted upon by our great leader.

When our nation is engulfed in a transaction of such import and magnitude, it is only too reasonable to expect that such eventuality will carry with it the condition of temporary sacrifices of the material interests of the industrial and commercial classes during the transitional period, and it is equally to be expected that the programme of national reconstruction considered as a whole could not by anything like a miraculous stroke be made to reach at one leap the stage of complete materialisation.

It is my duty as Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour to call attention to the fact that China to-day is actually facing a crisis which for the lack of a more appropriate name might be called economic suicide. Both in the industrial and commercial fields we see unmistakable signs of adversity with the result that the people are subjected to great sufferings and hardships.

Chance for Agitators.

It is this very situation that is seized by professional agitators to

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WANCHAI HEALTHY.

THIEF WHO CONSULTED ORACLE.

When charged on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court, this morning, with feloniously entering a house at Praya East and stealing a parcel of clothing, a Chinese gave the excuse that he was house-hunting.

His children had been in continuous ill-health, and after consulting an oracle in a temple, he was advised to move away from Yaumati into a healthier district.

His Worship:—Oh, is Wanchai a healthier district?

Remarking that the evidence left no doubt in his mind that the defendant was guilty, his Worship enquired of the prosecuting police officer if the man had a previous conviction.

The reply was that in September last, the man had received six weeks hard labour for larceny.

His Worship according inflicted a sentence of two months' hard labour.

BRITISH AVIATRIX.

Lady Bailey, who has been experiencing difficulties in her flight to Cape Town, including illness. Yesterday, the intrepid airwoman made a forced descent in the Upper Transvaal.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 12 arrivals and 14 departures, with British holding top place. Tonnage was fair, but cargoes were extremely poor, there being only one inward entry of four figures and two through returns of four figures. British registered the highest inward and the second best through, all vessels carrying cargo. At 9 a.m., there were 66 vessels in harbour, of which 20 were British.

"Oh, let them play! Henry is wild about children—they always take to him."

LIFE HERE AND LIFE HEREAFTER.

WHAT THE THEOSOPHISTS REALLY BELIEVE.

A LOCAL LECTURE.

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, on Thursday, at their Duddell Street Lodge, Mr. H. E. Laneport gave an address on "Man's Life in this and other Worlds." He said in brief: There are many signs seen everywhere to-day of the recognition of man's larger consciousness, that he is related to more worlds than one, that he is in touch, whilst still in the physical world, with worlds which are not physical, nor recognisable by the senses of the flesh. We see ever more psychologists recognise and try to understand the working of the human consciousness outside the brain. The essential man is a consciousness, a living, thinking, acting, willing self, which uses the body merely as an instrument to come in touch with the bodily world.

Seven Senses.

Theosophists say that man has two more senses beyond the known five, making altogether seven. These two others are still to be developed in the physical body and will work through two little organs in the brain—the pituitary body and the pineal gland. The pineal glad was once an eye, a "third eye," but is to play another function in the future, that of direct transference of thought from brain to brain, which will bring human beings in touch with the currents of thought which are continually playing in the world around us. In many who have artificially quickened their evolution this organ is already functioning to some extent. The development of the pituitary body, which is the sixth, the sense next in order of development, will open man's astral sight and give him the powers of clairvoyance in the astral world.

Three Bodies.

Man lives simultaneously in three worlds, the physical, the astral and the mental, but is normally conscious only of the physical. For each of these worlds he possesses separate and distinct bodies, the physical, the astral and the mental. These bodies all occupy the same space, interpenetrating each other, as water freely interpenetrates a sponge and the air in the water, in its turn, freely interpenetrates the water in the sponge. The matter of the astral and mental worlds consists of very fine and rare matter invisible to physical sight, but fully cognisable to our higher, the astral sight.

Man uses his astral body to cause and to receive vibrations of desires and emotions and of thoughts of a concrete and personal nature, meanwhile for the creation and perception of abstract and idealistic thought he uses the mental body. Every night during sleep the man, clad in his invisible astral and mental bodies, slips out of the physical body, and freely moves about and lives and works in the astral world, retaining all the while an etheric connexion with the physical body but is unable to impress the remembrance on the physical brain on return.

No "Death."

At death, the man remains exactly what he is, he retains all his thoughts, desires, feeling and in-

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. *Where is Arnhem Land? What expedition is about to go there?*
2. *What historic English abbey is soon to pass from one diocese to another?*
3. *Who appoints the Sheriffs of England and Wales? What term is used to describe the procedure?*
4. *Name this year's winner of the prize given by the Comite Femina for the best English novel by a woman writer.*
5. *Why do we never see the other side of the moon?*
6. *What limb of the human body is tending to disappear?*
7. *Where in King George V.'s dominions is Roman Catholicism the established religion?*
8. *Why does iron rust when exposed to moist air?*
9. *How many pounds (avoirdupois) can be sent by parcel post for 6d.?*
10. *What bird in poetry kept harping on one word?*
11. *What is tallow?*
12. *When it is noon in London what time is it in Sydney?*

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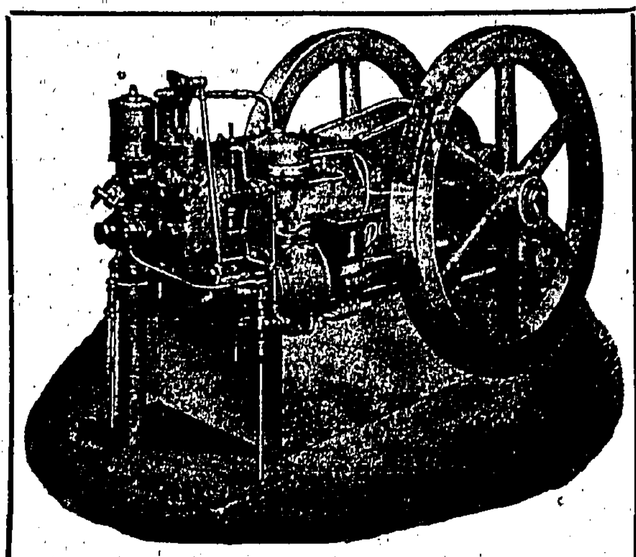

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Mrs. B. E. Jones, of Pimlico, Clitheroe, owns a valuable diamond which has behaved in an extraordinary fashion during performance of Sullivan's light opera music. The diamond, which has been set in a ring, has sprung from its setting three times on such occasions, and each time it has been found and reset. On the second occasion particular precautions were taken to have the stone firmly fixed, but at a performance of the "Mikado" by Whalley amateurs, the diamond was again lost and found.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. PAUL'S STUDENTS.

The annual sports meeting of the pupils of St. Paul's College were held on the military ground at Sookunpoo Valley yesterday afternoon. The ground was on the heavy side and the temperature not conducive to exertion, but despite these handicaps the meeting was voted a great success, chiefly due to the open nature of the track and the facilities placed at the disposal of the meeting by the military authorities.

Some particularly good times were recorded, amongst these being that attained in the 100 yards sprint which was within one-fifth of the school's record. In the Hurdle Race, Wong Man-kai tied with the School's record, and incidentally did considerably better than the inter-school record. The half-mile and mile events were on the slow side.

The School Senior Championship went to Chan King-cho, who scored four wins, and a third place in another event, being however, only four points above his brother, Chan Fook-cho. Chong Sin-lam won the Junior Championship.

In a brief speech prior to the distribution of prizes, Mr. E. G. Stewart, Vice-Principal of St. Paul's College, said he regarded it as the most successful sports meeting they ever had, this being due to the glorious weather and particularly to the fact that that was the first time that the sports were held on what was a really good track by comparison with the makeshift grounds which they had been forced to put up with in previous years. In this connexion, the College was under a debt of gratitude to the military authorities for not only the use of the ground but also of the appliances which military authorities had for their sports the previous day.

After referring to the co-operation of members of the School staff, Mr. Stewart expressed his thanks to the donors of the prizes.

Mrs. E. G. Stewart then distributed the prizes, being presented with a bouquet in a silver holder and accorded three cheers at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The Results.

Following were the results:

Senior Long Jump.—1, Chan King-cho; 2, Chan Fook-cho; 3, Cheung Koon-sang.

Junior 100 yards.—1, Chong Sin-lam; 2, Chin Ping-hang; 3, Leung Wai-chung. Time, 11 2/5 secs.

Small Boys 100 yards.—1, Wong Chung-suen; 2, Yung Ki-fong; 3, Lee Wai-chee. Time, 12 3/5 secs.

Senior 100 yards.—1, Chan King-cho; 2, Chan Fook-cho; 3, Cheung Koon-sang. Time, 10 4/5 secs.

Inter-Class Relay.—1, Class 2A.; 2, Class 3; 3, class 2B.. Time, 55 3/5 secs.

Junior High Jump.—1, Leung Wai-chung; 2, Chin Ping-hang; 3, Chong Sin-lam. Height, 4ft. 9½ins.

Senior High Jump.—1, Chan Fook-cho; 2, Lee Pui-fong; 3, Chan Woon-cheung. Height, 5ft. 1 in.

Small Boys High Jump.—1, Yung Ki-fong; 2, Chung Wing-kwong; 3, Lam Chee-kan. Height, 4ft. 2½ ins.

Junior 440 yards.—1, Chong Sin-lam; 2, Ko Ping-chol; 3, Leung Wai-chung. Time, 62 2/5 secs.

Senior 440 yards.—1, Chan King-cho; 2, Chan Fook-cho; 3, Chan Kung-chin. Time 57 2/5 secs.

Small Boys 440 yards.—1, Wong Chung-suen; 2, Lam Chee-kan; 3, Leung Fung-sang. Time 69 2/5 secs.

Senior 220 yards.—1, Chan King-cho; 2, Chan Fook-cho; 3, Kong Yan-mang. Time, 25 9/10 secs.

Old Boys Race.—1, Mr. Eric Wong-tape; 2, Mr. Tang Yan-seung; 3, Mr. Fung Kwok-wa. Time 24 1/5 secs.

Senior Hurdles.—1, Wong Man-kai; 2, Chan Yue-tin; 3, Chan King-cho. Time, 16 3/5 secs.

Junior Hurdles.—1, Chong Sin-lam; 2, Leung Wai-chung; 3, Ko Ping-chol.

Staff Race.—1, Mr. Andrew Chan; 2, Mr. Chui Han-cheung; 3, Mr. Lo Hin-lai.

¼ Mile Challenge Relay—Present Boys v. Old Boys.—Winners, Old Boys.

Half Mile.—1, Cheung Sui-kwai; 2, Cheung Yue-choi; 3, Lui Kwong-kun.

Invitation Relay.—1, Wa Yan College; 2, St. Stephen's; 3, Queen's. Time, 1 mins. 42 1/5 secs.

One Mile (Handicap).—1, Cheung Pui-ling; 2, Lo Tsz-hing; 3, Chan Ki-sum; 4, Li Yue-fong. Time, 5 mins. 39 3/5 secs.

Scout Race.—1, Tso Huk-on; 2, Ko Cho-wang; 3, Cheng Hing-sun.

Senior Champion, Chan King-cho (12 pts.). Junior Champion, Chong Sin-lam (16 pts.).

BILLIARDS.

EXHIBITION GAME TO BE GIVEN TO-NIGHT.

To-night at the Palace Hotel an exhibition game of billiards will be given by Mr. A. J. Osmund, champion of the Colony and Mr. F. Jones; 750 up.

It is interesting to note that during his practice for this event Mr. Osmund last night made a break of 180. With such playing the exhibition promises to be an unusual one.

The game starts at 8.30 sharp.

TO-MORROW'S REGATTA.

R.H.K.Y.C. CLOSING CRUISE.

There should be a large attendance at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club to-morrow afternoon when the closing cruise of the season and a regatta will be held.

There are five sailing events, one being for combined English and Chinese Rigged Cruisers, and three ladies' races, together with a race for Navy whalers, cutters, gigs and galleys. A big turn-out of boats is expected in all events.

There are no fewer than eight rowing events. The first of these, which is timed for 2.45 is for the 4th. Submarine Flotilla Cup for Hongs v. Service Unit Fours. Crews have been entered by H.M.S. Titania, the Scots Guards, the Hongkong Electric Company and Taikoo. The Scots Guards are regarded as favourites, but a keenly contested race will doubtless be witnessed.

The Denison Cup for Junior Pairs has attracted two entries, and a stiff three-quarter-of-a-mile tussle is expected.

Following a race for Submarine Boats manned by naval ratings, the Stock Exchange Cup for Club v. Services Fours (one mile) will be rowed for, crews representative of the Club and Army competing. A race for naval whalers, manned by naval ratings, will be followed by the Percy Smith Challenge Cup for Senior Pairs and for this event three pairs have entered.

The final race of the day (excepting a boat boys' race) will be for the "Murdoch-Kennett" Cup between Club and Services pairs, and here again three boats will be competing.

It will be seen that a very full afternoon's sport will be provided. A lawn bowls match will also be played, and there will, as usual, be tea served on the lawn, with the prize presentation ceremony concluding what, given fine weather, ought to be a most enjoyable afternoon.

LAWN TENNIS.

LIEUT. COL. AND MRS. WYATT ENTER FINAL.

There was only one match played in the Hongkong Cricket Club tournament yesterday afternoon, this being in the Mixed Doubles Event. By beating S. E. Green and Miss Heard, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. F. J. Wyatt entered the final where they will meet Owen Hughes and Mrs. H. R. Remington.

The match was played on the stand court and, being the only game, was watched by a large crowd. The Colonel and his wife won in two sets, the first going to eight games and the second to twenty.

The scores and handicaps were: Col. and Mrs. Wyatt (rec. 5/6) beat S. E. Green and Miss Heard (Scr.) 6-2, 11-9.

PING-PONG FINAL.

LAST NIGHT'S MATCH AT THE S.C.A.A.

Much interest was taken in the final of the South China Athletic Association's ping-pong final, played last evening. The finalists were Kwan Man-cheong and Ko Yau-cheung.

After an excellent match, Kwan Man-cheong won by three straight sets, the scores being 6/4, 6/0 6/3.

The day after moving, you can't!

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

"TELEGRAPH" OFFERS PRIZE OF $50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of $50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English League matches (to be played on Saturday next, April 28th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of $25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of $25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on April 28th:

DIVISION I.

Aston Villa	v	Bolton.
Bury	v	Cardiff.
Leicester	v	Huddersfield.

DIVISION II.

Fulham	v	Reading.
Hull	v	Notts County.
Notts F.	v	Stoke.

DIVISION III.

Coventry	v	Norwich.
Newport	v	Northampton.
Bristol R.	v	Luton.
Accrington	v	Stockport.
Lincoln	v	Bradford.
Wigan	v	Barrow.

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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupon, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

MARK AND KEEP THIS DUPLICATE LIST. DO NOT FORWARD IT TO US. IT IS PRINTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE SO THAT YOU MAY KEEP A RECORD OF THE FORECASTS YOU HAVE SENT IN.

Aston Villa	v.	Bolton.
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Accrington	v.	Stockport.
Lincoln	v.	Bradford.
Wigan	v.	Barrow.

LETTER GOLF.

It's hard to go away from FOOD to a DIET in real life, but in letter golf it's fairly simple.

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

FACING ECONOMIC SUICIDE.

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imbue the minds of the populace with the sugar-coated pernicious doctrines of communism, and they have succeeded in inflicting untold afflictions on the merchants as well as the labourers. Communism has, of course, been given a crushing blow by the party-purification movement undertaken by the Kuomintang. But inasmuch as the task of harmonising the interests of both capital and labour is liable to be prosecuted to extremes on either side, it is of vital importance that this unfortunate turn in an otherwise laudable campaign be foreseen and prevented. For the sake of justice and fairness we must condemn arbitrary conduct on the part of the working classes and the imposition of one-said terms by capitalistic interests.

For in either case the nation-saving programme of the Kuomintang is violated and the ultimate development of a sustained conflict between capital and labour could not but precipitate the paralyzation and destruction of all enterprise of an economic nature. Is not this economic suicide? And if so, should not all of us with our minds alert to facts pull together to do teamwork of the right type in order to avert such a national disaster the outcome of which defies description? We have sufficient lessons based on past experiences to guide us and these should be turned to good account.

Revitalize Enterprise.

In the first place, there should be a period for complete recuperation in order that the spirit of enterprise may be revitalized.

Secondly, steps should be taken for launching new enterprises or for the development of existing enterprises on a larger scale. Suffice it to say that no undertaking will be decided upon unless it is preceded by a faithful analysis of the programme of national reconstruction of our party, a careful survey of the economic situation of our country and a comprehensive study of the general trend of economic conditions of the world at large, all being done with a single view to promoting the encouraging of co-operative endeavour between foreigners and ourselves, and the gradual achievement of the whole programme in its successive stages.

Dr. Kung then goes on to detail the Nationalist programme at great length, the following being some of his points.

Trade Commissioners.

From time to time we shall appoint Trade Commissioners to be stationed in various trade centres abroad, and where special cases arise we shall appoint Special Commissioners on a specific commission for the purpose of acquiring first-hand information in regard to commercial and industrial conditions in the foreign countries, thus enabling our merchants and industrialists to formulate plans with an accurate knowledge of conditions abroad.

We shall promote national enterprises on a large scale in the realm of commerce and industries, give due support to the movement of reducing the army along practical lines, and carry out the scheme of our great leader providing for the dual usefulness of the soldier in combining industrial activities with his military training. But in cases where private commercial and industrial enterprises have been launched with a fair measure of success, such enterprises will be left, in private hands in order to avoid a conflict of identical aims.

Foreign Friendship.

We shall promote Sino-foreign friendship and commercial intercourse and acting within the sphere of reciprocal and equal treatment and due recognition of the sovereign rights of our country and its legislative authority we shall welcome the employment of foreign capital for the greater promotion of commercial and industrial enterprises of exceptional dimensions.

In conclusion I should like to say that in mapping out the above outline of the working programme of my Ministry I have been actuated by the single motive of furthering the ideals of economic democracy and healthy industrial expansion, seeking simultaneously the abolition of all vexatious taxation of an oppressive character and the revision of commercial treaties on the basis of equality in order that on the one hand due protection may be given to existing enterprises while affording encouragement for the exercise of greater initative, and on the other hand the economic welfare of the people bieng of the labouring classes may be assured. With capital and labour getting closer together in a spirit of co-operation in order to maintain and foster the spirit of industrial enterprise, and with the cultivation of the spirit of international co-operation by means of the application of the principles of Sino-foreign good-will to commercial endeavour, we may well look forward to the day when as a result of these successive measures we shall see our nation consolidated in its initial stages of reconstruction. I hope that I shall be favoured with the enlightened views of kind and candid critics at home and abroad.

LIFE HERE AND LIFE HEREAFTER.

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telligence and individuality, but merely slips out of the physical body and definitely and fully breaks the etheric connexion between himself and the physical body. Those who do not know say "the man is dead". But actually, after separating himself definitely from the heavy physical body, the man is more alive than ever. It is not necessary to wait till death comes to know this fact for oneself. The Spiritualists prove this *for* a man, through the services of a medium; in Theosophy man learns to find this out for himself by the awakening of his own innate higher faculties, by the opening up of the senses in his higher bodies.

It is possible to leave the body and to return to it. There is no pain in it. There is therefore also no pain of agony in leaving the body for good at "death," but those left behind should be careful not to show any noisy demonstrations of sorrow. There is really no death, nothing that is a ceasing of conscious life is possible.

For about 24 to 36 hours after the actual moment of "death" a man stays in the condition of a happy but dreamy consciousness. After that, different will be the experiences of the one who has passed on, according to the life which has closed upon earth. For the lowest human type, the savage, the congenital criminal, the man of very violent, uncontrolled passions, for the man whose only or main enjoyments on earth have been in the sensual and gluttonous and drunkard appetites of the body, the experiences in the astral world after death will be of a painful and distressing kind, for the physical body, the only means of gratification of his own desires and cravings, is no more at his command whilst the passions not only have remained but have been set even more free. He will feel a passionate, agonising, unsatisfiable desire again to feel the feeling that on earth represented the only form of happiness he knew, with a great disappointment.

"Dies" Again.

But his sufferings do not last for ever, just for a number of years (in the average from 5 to 40 years) till his desires are exhausted of the energy he had poured into them during life on earth. He then "dies" once more in the astral body, dropping it as he dropped the physical body, and from then on lives consciously in his mental body, in a high mental state, called "heaven" where he experiences nothing but bliss, the reward of all good seeds sown on earth.

The other man, who did not yield during life time to the craving of the senses selfish thoughts, passes a brief, but happy time in the astral world and painlessly also enters the higher mental state or heaven. If a man's life on earth was poor in thought and aspiration and unselfishness, his heavenly life will be brief and poor, for we are awake to the exquisite consciousness of the heaven world only in the measure in which we have awakened during earthlife our consciousness to all things beautiful, noble, loving and great. The more we have during earthlife paid attention to and developed our higher nature, through which alone we can contact the heaven world, the richer will be our life there, for everyone enjoys bliss in heaven only through the germs truth, love and beauty and Nobility sown on earth. After a number of centuries of unalloyed bliss he is reborn on earth with a strengthened power for good. This process is repeated till he has become perfect in love and knowledge. Then he need come back no more.

BURGLAR'S £8,000 HAUL.

POSING AS GUESTS IN DINNER JACKETS.

Paris, Mar. 25.

Burglars, some of whom were in evening clothes, carried off nearly a million francs (£8,400) "booty" last night from a jeweller's shop in the Rue Bergere. Three of them entered the house during the evening, so that they might be taken for guests of a supper party.

Picking the lock of the workroom, which was on the first floor above the shop, they hung furniture covers over the windows and worked noiselessly for some hours.

Twenty thousand francs in money and over 900,000 francs worth of jewellery were taken from a safe, the doors of which were mechanically opened. Another safe resisted, and the door was found half open.

The burglars wore gloves, and left behind them an odd assortment of tools made from the finest steel, some of which, the police say, are of a new and peculiarly ingenious design.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Sir, that if there was public bathing accommodation at Stanley, that it would be made use of very fully.

With regard to a pavilion or a matshed shelter at Stanley, the same observations apply as I have used with regard to Repulse Bay. After a bathe, it is very desirable to have a place to sit down in and have a rest and a picnic. I think that is all I need say with regard to my question No. 4.

Playgrounds for Children.

My question No. 7 was: "Will the Government utilise one of the strips of Government land abutting on Salisbury Road as a playground for Kowloon children. Will the Government also enquire into the possibility of various unbuilt on pieces of land abutting on Nathan Road being temporarily used for the purposes of children's playgrounds?" The Colonial Secretary replied: "Pending its use by the Government for other purposes, a small area can be reserved as a children's playground at the junction of Salisbury and Middle Roads. There is, however, in the opinion of the Government, no area at Tsim-sha-tsui which is really suitable for permanent reservation as a children's playground: and none of the undeveloped area adjoining Nathan Road appears to be suitable for conversion to children's playgrounds."

Well, Sir, with regard to that point there is a very ugly strip of land almost opposite—I think quite opposite—the piece of ground which the Government is apparently prepared to allow as a site for a children's playground for the time being. It is a piece of ground on the South side of Salisbury Road. There is a long and very ugly strip of ground which looks very much as though it ought to be laid out as a park or a children's playground or something. It is near the railway fence, and I should think that that piece of ground is not the least likely to be used for a considerable number of years.

Whitfield Barracks.

There is another site which I think should also be taken into account and that is the place on Nathan Road where the mules are. That is part of the military cantonment. It is a very big piece of land and I should have thought it would be possible to come to some arrangement with the military authorities whereby that piece of ground could be permanently reserved as a playground for children. I may also mention that when I was driving along there I noticed various pieces of ground off the roadway which were, as a matter of fact, being used by children for playing on. I do not pretend to be able to say in whose ownership those various pieces of ground abutting on Nathan Road are. Perhaps some of them belong to the Crown, or most of them may be in private ownership. In all events, I submit it is advisable that this question should be gone into and in order to arrive at some concrete proposal, I would venture to suggest to Your Excellency that it might be a good thing to appoint a small committee of members of this Council for the purpose of enquiring into the possibilities of a playground at Kowloon. There is no doubt in that way the public mind would be relieved. People generally would be satisfied that the various avenues had been fully explored, and that the whole matter of the possibility of reserving certain public playground for children at Kowloon had been gone into.

I hope in all these matters I shall receive—in fact I am sure I shall receive—the sympathetic consideration of Your Excellency and the Government. I had to bring this matter up as a motion because if I had asked questions I should have received answers, and that would have been an end of the matter. I do hope as a result of this debate the Government will give us more public bathing accommodation at Repulse Bay, that they will give us public bathing accommodation at Stanley Bay and that the Government will appoint a small committee of this Council to go into and fully explore the arrangements for a permanent children's playground at Kowloon. Possibly it may be thought advisable to have more than one playground in addition to the present one at Chatham Road. I have in my mind that it may be thought advisable that the children of the poorer classes of Chinese should have some playground at the back of Yaumati and Shamshuipo, but that is a question which obviously cannot be settled now, but I hope the Government will take it up.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes: I beg to second the motion.

Government Replies.

The Director of Public Works: Sir, I should like to make a few remarks with regard to question 4 (I). In the previous reply to the hon. member's question, a resume of the present public facilities at Repulse Bay was given. It will be seen that these cover as far as possible the recommendations set out by the Committee appointed to consider the whole question of bathing beaches. It is not at present possible to carry out this Committee's full programme in respect of the number of public cubicles, but this is being borne in mind and upon surrender of sufficient permits granted for the erection of private bathing sheds, it would be possible, if Government approve, to provide suitable sites for accommodation for additional cubicles. At present the number of permits issued for matsheds is at the limit recommended by the Committee, namely, 120.

Question 4 (II) dealt with Stanley beach. For this beach the Committee recommended permits up to 22 in number. At present 24 have been issued and a further one has been approved, whilst two additional applications are under consideration. Of the general improvements recommended by the Committee all items except that dealing with the erection of cubicles and pavilions have been carried out.

Owing to the necessity for strict economy at the present time, I understand, in the opinion of the Government, it is not considered essential to provide pavilions on the bathing beaches, these being regarded more in the nature of luxuries.

At Repulse Bay, in addition to maintenance and supervision charges, a sum of $6,500 was spent on lavatory accommodation and $800 for public cubicles.

A total expenditure of $16,200 was incurred in 1927 in providing bathing facilities at North Point, Kennedy Town, Tai Wan and Repulse Bay, and nearly 70,000 persons availed themselves of the accommodation provided, of whom 2,000 used the cubicles at Repulse Bay. This is quite apart from the large number of bathers occupying matsheds.

Kowloon Sites.

With regard to the children's playground in Kowloon, the existing playground in Chatham Road is well situated to serve as a large residential district. Practically all the unbuilt on areas of Crown land abutting upon Nathan Road South of Mongkok have undesirable surroundings. This, I think, applies also to the two pieces of ground mentioned by the hon. member—the railway land and the military land. The original question did not make it clear that other than Government Crown land was referred to by the hon. member, but I now understand that private land was referred to in the latter portion of his question.

There is some privately owned vacant land, well situated, which would be suitable, but this would have to be acquired by Government, by resumption or exchange, before any part of it could be allocated for the purpose of a playground. Representations have been made to Government by members of the Kowloon Residents Association in regard to the selection of privately-owned land for children's playgrounds in localities where playgrounds are most needed, and these suggestions are receiving the sympathetic consideration of Government.

Sir Henry Disagrees.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: With reference to what has fallen from the Hon. Director of Public Works, I should like to say a few words by way of reply. I am surprised to hear there are not sufficient sites at Repulse Bay, because, as the hon. senior Chinese member will remember, the Committee went very fully into the question of where the different cubicles should be placed and so far as we could see there was plenty of room for the cubicles. We did not simply content ourselves with saying let there be 32 bathing cubicles put up at Repulse Bay behind the private matsheds, but we went to the trouble of saying where the cubicles should be and also the sanitary conveniences. We mapped the whole thing out on the spot. I do not see how it can be that there is not sufficient land available at Repulse Bay for the public. In fact, I go so far as to say I am absolutely certain it cannot possibly be, because the Committee went to the trouble of checking the sites for the various cubicles.

It is quite clear from what the Director has told us that the public have made use of these cubicles at Repulse Bay, and further, I submit, that no sufficient grounds have been shown why the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee should not be carried out to the full. I hope, therefore, the Government will follow the recommendations of that Committee and for the reasons I have given, allow a matshed cover or a pavilion, as you choose to call it,—a simple structure—to be put up for the use of the public at Repulse Bay, and that accommodation in the way of cubicles and a matshed shelter at Stanley be also provided by the Government. I think, Sir, we all feel that bathing is a very healthy recreation and that the public should be given every reasonable facility for bathing from the beaches I have mentioned.

Governor to Enquire.

His Excellency the Governor: Gentlemen, From what we have just heard, there appears to be a direct conflict of opinion between the hon. member representing the Justices of the Peace and the Director of Public Works. The report made to me is that at Repulse Bay there is no room for any further public bathing facilities, that the whole of that foreshore had been allotted for private matsheds and if more than the existing number of fifteen cubicles are required, they cannot be put up until some of the private owners give up their permits. However, we hear from Sir Henry Pollock that these statements made by the Director of Public Works are, in his opinion, perhaps inaccurate. I shall therefore obtain from the Director of Public Works a plan of the present allocation on that foreshore and satisfy myself personally whether there is room for more public cubicles. If there is room for more public cubicles, I shall be quite willing to carry out the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee in that respect.

With regard to pavilions, whether at Repulse Bay or at Stanley, I am not willing to incur public expenditure at present for that purpose. Sir Henry is shortly joining the Government. If he had joined the Government last year and sat with me to consider the estimates for public works, it would have gone to his heart, as it did to mine, to notice the number of works of an essential nature which we had to postpone. Desirable public works did not get a chance and as for luxuries, we did not look at them. I consider that the erection of pavilions can well stand over until some of the public works which have been on the waiting list for some years have been completed.

Government's Obligation.

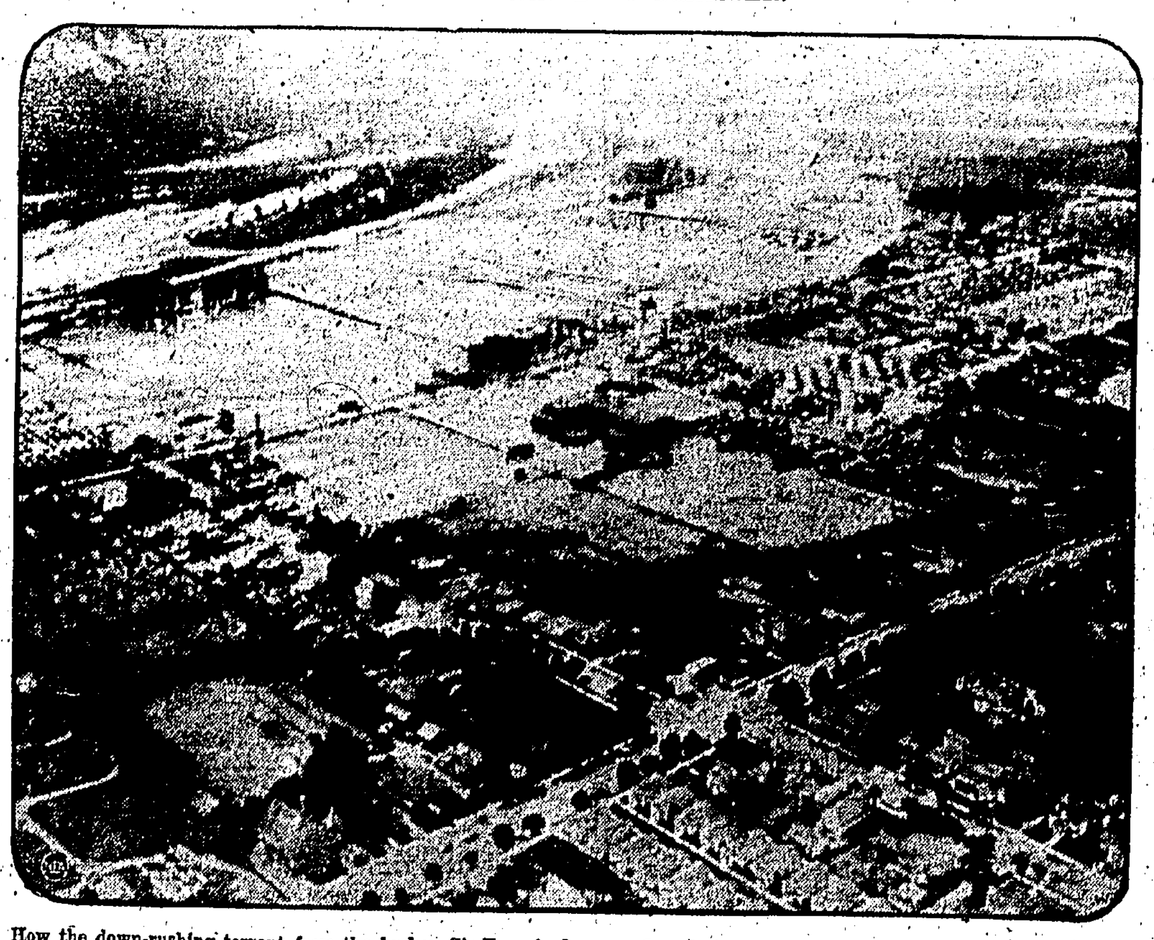
The question of reserving playgrounds in Tsim-sha-tsui is in an altogether different category. I fully admit that it is an obligation of the Government to provide open spaces in which children may play. The question, however, is a difficult one because the whole of the sea coast, East, South and West, is required for commercial and railway purposes; wharves are going to be built at Hunghom Bay, and before very long even the existing children ground will not be available for that purpose. I do not think that the area at the junction of Salisbury Road and Middle Road is suitable, except temporarily. It is a very valuable piece of land and will have to be used commercially before long. But there are other areas along Nathan Road, privately owned, which it may be possible to acquire either by purchase or exchange. I hardly think the time has come to appoint a Committee to go into that matter, but I will obtain from the Director of Public Works a report concerning these areas and this can be put before the Finance Committee to consider whether they are prepared to incur the necessary expenditure, always assuming that an exchange is not possible.

Sir Henry Pollock: As the matter has received the very serious consideration of the Government, I do not propose to press my motion further at this meeting.

His Excellency the Governor: The motion has now been withdrawn.

The Council adjourned *sine die*, His Excellency the Governor announcing that the next meeting would take place in the Sanitary Board offices owing to work being commenced in adding another storey to the C. S. O. building.

AMERICAN DAM DISASTER.



How the down-rushing torrent from the broken St. Francis dam overflowed the Santa Clara River valley at Santa Paula, Calif., and claimed at least 100 lives, is vividly pictured in all its desolation in this airplane view.

EXTRADITION CASE.

A CHINESE WANTED FOR MURDER.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to represent a Chinese who is wanted by the Canton authorities for the murder of a man in the Nam Hoi district.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy represented the police and told his Worship that the Attorney General would probably appear next week in connexion with the case.

His Worship fixed Thursday and Friday next week for the hearing of the proceedings.

Mr. Lo made an application to his Worship for an order to release $535 found on the fugitive at the time of his arrest. His Worship, after consulting the Chief Detective Inspector, decided to defer the making of such order until the case came up for hearing again.

A JUNK PIRACY.

HAUL WORTH $1,000.

Another piracy occurred in Tai Nam Chung recently when a cargo junk laden with bricks was attacked by six armed men. She returned to Hongkong on Wednesday night and reported the outrage to the Police.

According to the story of the owner the vessel left Castle Peak, New Territories, on the 5th instant for Hongkong with 11 persons and 20,000 bricks on board. When she arrived in Tai Nam Chung she dropped her anchor. While there she was approached by a small pirate sampan with six armed men proceeding from Lyemoon. Three pirates boarded the junk and bound the boatmen, pushing them into the hold, where they were kept for two days. On the 11th instant the junk and the pirate sampan both arrived at Pak Tow, where some thirty men went aboard the junk and moved all the bricks ashore.

On the following afternoon men of the Farmers' Corps from Sha Chang arrived and drove the pirates away.

The commander of the troops held the junk until a demand for compensation should be paid whereupon their release was ordered and the junk arrived here on Wednesday night.

In his report to the Water Police the owner states that the cargo of bricks was valued at $240, which with other things stolen make up a total loss of $1,025.

It appears also that one of the women on board, frightened when the pirates' attack first commenced, jumped overboard and was drowned.

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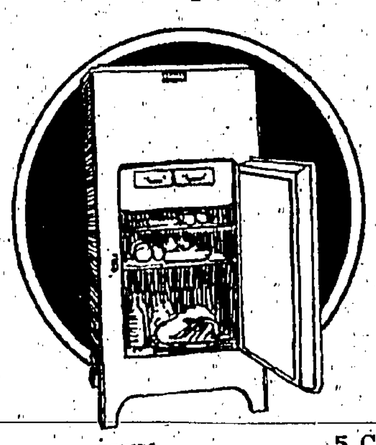

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NEW COLLEGE.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY AT STANLEY.

This afternoon His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will visit Stanley Peninsula, where he will lay the foundation stone in connexion with the new school premises of St. Stephen's College.

Stanley Peninsula, the new site granted to St. Stephen's College by the Government of Hongkong, is situated on the south side of the Island, a few minutes run by car from Repulse Bay Hotel. The distance from the City is 8½ miles, or half-an-hour by car.

The site is an ideal one for a school, receiving the prevailing summer winds from south-west or south-east direct from the ocean. The scenery on all sides is superb. The distance from the city is accounted an advantage by the school authorities, whose plan is to emphasize and develop the boarding side of the school, without altogether abolishing the facilities for day-boys. For the latter it is hoped to run the present school bus at a fare of twenty cents per trip. But the advantages for boarders are obvious. Not only does the Peninsula lend itself naturally for disciplinary purposes, but its extensiveness makes a hundred opportunities for employing the boarders for seven full days per week in happy and healthful occupations. Boarders and day-boys alike will be encouraged to spend their half-holidays at Stanley, not in the city. Two full-size football fields will be available, and a large number of tennis-courts. A cricket pitch will be laid between the football grounds. Hockey, volley-ball, basket-ball and other games will be played in the purest air amidst healthy and beautiful surroundings. The running track will be a full quarter-mile in circuit, and a 220 yards straight can be run on the level.

Health Questions.

There is a bathing beach at hand for the students, a bay immediately under the site on the S.W., long known to some few bathing connoisseurs for its sandy bottom and clear water.

The question of health is one to which the utmost expert consideration has been given. In the first place place, St. Stephen's College boarders and Staff have been living on the south coast of the Island, at Pokfulum House, for the past four years. The health of the students has shown remarkable improvement there. Necessary nullah-training is already planned for Stanley together with other health measures under skilled medical supervision. The lack of paddy at Stanley will be noted by visitors. One small patch at present on the south of the site should not be difficult to drain and to deal with reasonably. A water-main will be run from Tai-tam Reservoir by the College, so that wholesome drinking-water will be available. All students will be accommodated in properly constructed buildings, with every modern sanitary convenience. None will sleep on the ground flour. A fully-qualified European doctor will live at the school.

Description of Site.

The school-site embraces 24.21 acres, or 1,054,000 square feet. It included the old military sites, already levelled, consisting of various level building lots on raised eminences. The south-west portion is the old military parade-ground, suitable for football grounds and running track. The site nearest to the Police Station is ear-marked for science laboratories and workshops. Not only are physics, chemistry and biology laboratories planned, but it is desired also to make a special feature of practical work in the new school, and therefore to include a forge and a carpenters' shop. Another site is planned eventually for staff-quarters; and the next, the highest site, is marked out for the Chapel, which should crown the site and make a striking land-mark from the ocean. Other sites are prepared for school houses (for boarders and staff; communal dining-hall; isolation ward; museum and library. A road is planned on the south-east, but for the present the existing track will be followed on the west from Stanley Village. A Police Station adjoins the site. Water services will be installed for drinking and for flushing purposes; telephone-service is already available, and electric-light connexion has already been made.

The First Building.

The main building first to be erected will be in the shape of the letter H, the cross-stroke representing the Great Hall. At the east and west extremities of the Great Hall will run two parallel buildings each 190 feet in length, making twelve large class and office rooms on the ground floor, with large entrance-hall (40 × 40 ft.), lavatories, temporary dining-hall, and accommodation on the upper floors for fifty-five boarders and three masters. A tower storey will provide one set of married quarters. Temporarily, it will be possible to accommodate ninety boarders on the upper floors of the main building. The length of the building is thus 190 feet and the breadth 132 feet. Up-to-date sanitary and hot and cold water installations, with a system of septic tanks, are included in the plans for this building. The floors will be of concrete, covered with miraboo; and the roofs will be of concrete, with Chinese roll and pantiles for coolness. The ground-floor will be built of stone. Partitions will be of simplex plaster, so that the building may be fire-proof. The architect is Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, and the contractors are Messrs. Lam Woo.

$150,000 Required.

The school committee is in possession of sufficient funds to erect the main building, described above, and to cover the expense of nullah-training, water-installation, and development of the site and playing-fields. It is, however, considered a matter of some urgency to proceed at once to the erection of another hostel, to provide for a further sixty boarders, and for married staff. Sixty-three boarders are at present in residence at Pokfulum, and the accommodation in the main building alone at Stanley will be quite inadequate in view of the considerable increase of boarders expected. The provision of an additional hostel is therefore an urgent and immediate need. The sum of $150,000 is required for this purpose. The new school is expected to be ready for occupation in the middle of 1929.

The Bishop's Letter.

The Bishop of Victoria wrote to the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, Headmaster, St. Stephen's College, as follows:

"I write to say how greatly I regret my inability to be present at the laying of the foundation stone of St. Stephen's College at Stanley on the 27th. As you know I have to be away at that time at Shanghai for the meeting of the General Synod of the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui.

"I am glad indeed that the day has arrived when after these twenty-five years St. Stephen's College can look forward to having a permanent home of its own on so beautiful a site. It seems to me that a boarding-school, with ideals such as St. Stephen's has before it, must have a very real part to play in the life of this place.

"I am particularly glad that you will have joined to the school such fine playing fields, and also room for future expansion, and I look forward with confidence to the time when in the not remote future, you may find it possible to proceed with further instalments of the plan that is before you.

"I wish the College every prosperity in this new stage in its development.

TO TIGHTEN BONDS.

NANKING "AMBASSADOR" IN PARIS.

Paris, Apr. 26.

Miss Soume Tcheng (Cheng Yu-hsiu) has arrived in Paris. She declared that she had been entrusted to tighten the bonds of amity between the Chinese and the French. She denied that she had come for any financial purpose.—*Havas.*

[Miss Soume Tcheng was born in Canton, February 1894, of a wealthy aristocratic family. She studied in Tientsin and later joined the revolutionary party (Tung Meng Hui). During the 1911 revolution she carried bombs to Peking for the assassination of Manchu leaders. Some time later she went to Paris to complete her studies and graduated as a doctor of law in 1926. She was the first Chinese woman to become a lawyer and the first of her sex to be admitted to practice in Shanghai French courts. From January to October 1927 she was chief judge of the Shanghai District Court, and later president of the Shanghai Provisional Court.]

Henry Pegley, 49, a Leyton postman with 30 years' service, pleaded guilty at North London Court to stealing a postal packet containing three 10s. notes. Mr. C. V. Young, defendant, asked the Magistrates to bind Pegley over, stating that this was a first offence. Pegley would be discharged from the Post Office, he said, and would lose his pension and a gratuity of a considerable amount. A severe illness had warped his moral sense. Pegley was remanded.

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SOLOMON ISLANDS.

FOUR NATIVES SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Tulagi, Apr. 26.

Four natives have, up to the present, been sentenced to death, and a sentence of life imprisonment has been passed on Tarifo, the brother of the chief, Basiana, for the attempted murder of a native clerk in connexion with the Sinarango murder last year.—*Reuter.*

[The massacre took place last October. The District Commissioner, Mr. Bell, accompanied by Mr. Lillie and a number of constables was collecting the native tax at Sinarango, when he was struck over the head with a Snyder rifle and killed instantaneously. The Government party was overwhelmed, only a few wounded constables escaping to tell the tale. Government forces later made many arrests, but Chief Norlu and ten others died in gaol in March.]

JAPANESE POLITICS.

THE NO CONFIDENCE VOTE.

Tokyo, Apr. 26.

The Coronation estimates of yen 16,440,000 were passed by both Houses. The Opposition's vote of no-confidence is expected to be presented at any time but whereas it was at first believed that it was virtually certain to pass, resulting in dissolution, its passage is now regarded as being more doubtful owing to the political manoeuvring which has taken place in the past few days.—*Reuter.*

HIGH SCOUT AWARD.

HONOUR FOR THE REV. G. T. WALDEGRAVE.

The Chief Scout of the World, Sir Robert Baden Powell, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B. has awarded the "Silver Wolf" to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, M.A., Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, Hongkong Branch.

The award will be presented by H. E. the Governor, the Chief Scout of Hongkong, at Government House on May 2, at 4 p.m. If fine, the ceremony will take place on the lawn, but in the event of inclement weather the presentation will take place in the ballroom. H.E. the Governor will also carry out an inspection of the Scouts.

NEW AMERICAN SERIAL.

GIRL ALONE

By ANNE AUSTIN.

Author of "Saint and Sinner."

CHAPTER XXI.

It was a sad, listless little "Princess Lalla" who cupped tiny brown hands about a crystal ball and pretended to read "past, present and future" in its mysterious depths as the afternoon crowd of the carnival's last day in Stanton milled about the attractions in the Palace of Wonders. There was the crack of unsuspected whip in the voice of the crier, as he bent over to bellow his oft-repeated cry:

"Step into it, kid! These folks have plenty of coin and we've got to get our share. You're crabbin' the act somethin' fierce 'n afternoon. Step on it!"

Sally made a valiant effort to obey, but her crystal-gazing that afternoon was not a riotous success. She made one or two bad blunders, the worst of which caused near-panic.

For she was so absorbed in her own disappointment and in contemplating the effect of her news upon David, when she should tell him that she was an illegitmate child of a woman who had abandoned her, that her eyes and intuitions were not so keen as they had been.

Though there had been a sharp-tongued shrew of a wife clinging to his arm before he vaulted upon the platform for a "reading," she mechanically told a meek little middle-aged man that he was in love with a "zo beau-ti-ful girl wiz golden hair" and that he would marry wiz her."

After the poor husband had been snatched from the platform by his furiously jealous wife and given a most undignified pelting with her hastily removed shoe—an "added attraction" which proved vastly entertaining to the carnival crowd but which caused a good many quarters to find their hasty way back into handbags and trouser pockets—Sally felt her failure so keenly that she leaned backward in an effort to be cautious.

"For God's sake, kid, snap out of it before the next show!" Gus pleaded, mopping his dripping brow with a huge purple-bordered white silk handerchief. "I'm part owner of this tent, you know, and you're hittin' me where I live. Come on, 'at's a good girl! Forget it—whatever's eatin' on you! This ain't a half-bad world—not a-tall!

What if that sheik of yours is trailin' Nita around? Reckon he's just after her grouch bag—"

"Her—grouch bag? " Sally seized upon the unfamiliar phrase in order to put off as long as possible full realization of the heart-stopping news he was giving her so casually.

"That's right. You're still a griffin, ain't you. A grouch bag is a show business way of sayin' a performer's got a wad salted down to blow with or buy a chicken farm or, if it's a hard-on-the-eyes dame like Nita, to catch a man with. Nita's got a roll big enough to choke a boa constrictor. I seen Her countin' it one night when she thought she was safe. She was, too. I wouldn't warm up to that Jane if she was the last broad in the world. Now, listen, kid, you have a good, hard cry in the dress tent before the next show and you'll feel like a new woman. That's me all over! Never tell a wren to turn off the faucet! Nothin' like a good cry. I ain't been married four times for nothin.'"

Sally waited to hear no more. She rushed out of the Palace of Wonders, a frantic, fantastic little figure in purple satin trousers and gold-braided green jacket, her red-sandaled feet spurning the grass-stubbled turf that divided the show tent from the dress tent. And because she was almost blinded with the tears which Gus, the crier, had sagely recommended, she collided with another figure in the "alley."

"Look where you're going, you little charity brat, you—". And Nita's harsh, metallic voice added a word which Sally Ford had sometimes seen scrawled in chalk on the high board fence that divided the boys' playground from the girl's at the orphanage.

So Nita had listened! She had been envesdropping when Mrs. Bybee had told Sally the shameful things she had learned from Gramma Bangs about Sally's birth and abandonment!

"You can't call me that!" Sally gasped, rage flaming over her, transforming her suddenly from a timid, brow-beaten child of charity into a wild-cat.

Before Nita, the Hula dancer, could lift a hand to defend herself, a small purple-and-green clad fury flung itself upon her breast; gilded nails on brown-painted fingers flashed out, were about to rip down those painted, sallow cheeks like the claws of the wildcat she had become when powerful hands seized her by the shoulders and dragged her back.

"What's going on here?" Gus, the crier, panted as Sally struggled furiously, still insane with rage at the insult Nita had flung at her.

"Better keep this she-devil out of my sight, Gus, or I'll cut her heart out!" Nita panted, adjusting the grass skirt, which Sally's furious onslaught had torn from the dancer's hips, exposing the narrow red satin tights which ended far above her thin, unlovely knees.

"I'm surprised at you, Sally," Gus said severely, but his small eyes twinkled at her. "Next time you're having a friendly argument with this grass-skirt artist, settle it by pulling her hair. The show's gotta go on and some of these folks like her map. Don't ask me why. I ain't good at puzzles."

Sally smiled feebly, the passing of her rage having left her feeling rather sick and foolish. Gus's arm was still about her shoulders, in a paternal sort of fondness, as Nita switched away, her grass skirts hissing angrily.

"Kinda foolish of you, Sally to pick a fight with that dame. She could-a ruined this pretty face of yours. She's a bad mama, honey, and you'd better make yourself scarce when she's around. And say, kid—take a tip from old Gus: no sheik ain't worth fightin' for. I been fought over myself considerable in my time, and believe me, while two frails was fightin' for me I was lookin' about for another one."

Sally felt shrivelled with shame. "I wasn't fighting her because of—of David," she muttered, digging the toe of one little red sandal into the dusty grass of the show lot. "Nita called me a—a nasty name. You'd have fought, too!"

"Sure! But not with a dame like Nita, if I was you! You ain't no match for her. Now, you trot along to the dress tent and rest or cry or say your prayers or anything you want to—except fight!—till show time again. And for God's sake, don't turn your back when Nita's around!"

Sally did not see the Hula dancer again that afternoon, for Nita, belonged to the "girlie show," which had a tent all its own. To encourage her in her confidence as a crystal-gazer, or rather to bolster up the faith of the skeptical audience, which had somehow become wise to the fact that "Princess Lalla" had "pulled some bones," Gus, the crier, arranged for four or five "schillers"—employees of the carnival, both men and women, dressed to look like members of Gus, the crier, arranged for four tunes told.

Sally, tipped off by a code signal of Gus's, let her imagination run riot as she read the magic crystal for the "schillers," and to everything she told them they nodded their heads or slapped their thighs in high appreciation, loudly proclaiming that "Princess Lalla" was a witch, the grandest little fortune-teller in the world. Business picked up amazingly; quarters were thrust upon Gus with such speed that he had to form a line of applicants for "past, present and future" upon Sally's platform.

She did not see David at supper, which she ate in the cook tent after having carried "Pitty Sing," the midget, to the privilege car. Buck, the negro chef of the privilege car, grinned at her, but David was nowhere to be seen. Was he "trailin' Nita," as Gus, the crier, had called it? Jealousy laid a hand of pain about her heart, such a new sort of pain that she wanted, childishly, to stop and examine it. It claimed instant fellowship in her heart with that other so-new emotion—love. She had wanted all the afternoon, until Gus had stopped her heart for a beat or two with his casual reference to David and Nita, to fly to David for comfort, to pour out her news to him. She had heard, in anticipation, his softly spoken, tender "Dear little Sally! Don't mind too much. We have each other." So far had her imagination run away with her!

It was the last evening of the carnival in Stanton, and money rolled into the pockets of the concessionaries and the showmen.

"Last chance to see the tallest man on earth and the littlest woman! Last chance, folks!"

It was already a little old to Sally—the crier's ballyhoo. She could have repeated it herself. Glamour was fading from the carnival. The dancing girls were not young and beautiful, as they had seemed at first; they had never danced on Broadway in Ziegfeld's Follies; they never would. They were oldish-young women who sneered at the "folk" and had callouses on the bottoms of their aching feet from dancing on rough-board platforms.

Just before the last show Sally wandered out into the midway from the Palace of Wonders, money in her hand which Pop Bybee had advanced to her. But it was lonely "playing the wheels" all by herself, and although Eddie Cobb fixed it so that she won a big Kewpie doll with pink maline skirts and saucy, marcelled red hair, there was little thrill in its possession. When a forlornly weeping little girl stopped her tears to gape covetously at the treasure, Sally gave it up without a pang.

She no longer minded or noticed the crowd that collected and followed her—wherever she went; she had become used to it already. The crowd did not interest her, for it did not hold David, who was forced to hide ignominiously in the show train, for fear the heavy hand of a local constable would close menacingly over his shoulder. They would be leaving Stanton tonight, leaving danger behind them. It had not occurred to her to ask where the show train was going. But it was going away, away. David could come out of hiding. Bybee had said the authorities in other states wouldn't be interested in a couple of minors who had done nothing worse than "bust a farmer's leg and beat it—"

"What kinda burg is the capital?" she was startled to hear a hot-dog concessionaire call to the ticket-seller for the ferris wheel.

"Pretty good pickin's," the ticket-seller answered. "We run into a spell of bad weather there last year and it was a Jonah town, but it looks good this season.

"We're going to the capital next?" Sally leaned over the counter to ask the hot-dog man.

"Sure, kid. Didn't you know? I heard you come from that burg. Old home week for Eddie, too. You and him going out to give the old homestead the once-over?"

Sally did not wait to answer. Although it was almost time for the last show the little red sandals flew toward the side-tracked show train—and David. Her jealousy, even her just-realized love for him, were forgotten. There was only fear—fear of iron bars and shameful uniforms, iron bars which would cage David's superb young body and break his spirit; fear of the reformatory, in which she would again become a dull-eyed unit in a hopeless army, but branded now with a shameful scarlet letter which she did not deserve.

They couldn't go to the capital city where they were both known; they would have to run away again, walk all night through the dark, fugitives from "justice."

(To be continued.)

BEAR AT LARGE IN SUSSEX.

MYSTERY OF ESCAPE FROM A PRIVATE ZOO.

A small brown Asiatic bear, about fourteen months old, escaped recently from its cage at Withdean Hall, near Brighton, and had not yet been traced in mail week.

The circumstances surrounding the bear's escape are mysterious. Some time ago Withdean Hall, a large house standing in about 25 acres on the main London-Brighton road, between Brighton and Patcham, was purchased by Mr. George B. Chapman, S.Z.S., the wild game dealer, who intended to run the estate as a zoo. Public opinion was, however, against the project, and the estate is now for sale.

In the meantime, it is being used by Mr. Chapman as a store for wild animals, of which there is a large collection, as I saw this afternoon. There are several bears, and the missing one arrived a few days ago. At eleven o'clock on the night of the escape it was safely secured in a travelling car, but in the morning the bars of the car were open, and the bear gone. The grounds of Withdean Hall have been searched—a difficult task, because they are well wooded—but no sign of the bear was found.

The estate opens out on to the Downs at the back, and, should the animal have escaped that way, there is no knowing how far he may have gone. On the other hand, he he may be concealed in some corner of the grounds which has been overlooked.

The animals housed at Withdean Hall include a tiger, a lioness, a baby rhinoceros, tiger cats, and ten zebras.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 327. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant. Hongkong, Friday, 27th April, 1928.

1. Presentation of Colours.—The Corps will parade as strong as possible in four Companies at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 0th May, 1928.

No. 1. Company. Under command of Captain T. Addis Martin, will be composed of the Battery, Mounted Infantry, Armoured Car Companies and men of Reserve Company having leather equipment.

Dress.—Khaki jacket, medals, shorts, helmet, boots, puttics, hosetops, bandolier, belt, rifle and bayonet.

No. 2. Company. Under command of Captain S. J. Jordain, M.C., composed of the Engineer Company, Corps Signals, Infantry Company, and men of Reserve Company having webb equipment.

Dress.—As for No. 1 Company, but with belt, rifle and bayonet only (no bandoliers).

No. 3. Company. Under command of Captain K. S. Morrison, composed of Scottish Company and Scottish Reserve.

Dress.—Review Order, helmets will be worn.

No. 4. Company. Under command of Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M., Portuguese Company.

Dress.—As for No. 2. Company.

Companies will be sized as for ceremonial.

Scottish Company will provide 4 Drummers with side drums.

Attention of all is drawn to Infantry Training Vol. I. Chap. 14, Sec. 204.

Practice Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m., Thursday, 3rd May. Uniform.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 27th and Monday, 30th April and Tuesday, 1st May, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.

2. Musketry.

Sunday, 29th April, 1928.—The Infantry Company will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters on Sunday, 29th April, 1928.

Range Officer: 2/Lt. H. Owen-Hughes.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday 28th April, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3. Scottish Company.

All ranks are reminded of practice parade on Thursday, 3rd May and parade for Presentation of Colours on Sunday, 6th May.

Full strength parades are essential on both occasions.

Dress for both parades: Review Order: Helmets.

4. Portuguese Company.

Peak Range has been allotted to the Portuguese Coy, on Sunday, 29th April. All who have not fired Part I. and Recruits will attend.

All ranks are reminded of practice parade on Thursday, 3rd May, and parade for Presentation of Colours on Sunday, 6th May. Full strength parades are essential on both occasions. Dress: Uniform, see Order No. 1.

5. Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on 25th April, 1928, and posted as under:

No. 1310 Pte. L. G. Morales, No. 10 Platoon.

6. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps.

No. 98 Sgt. L. C. F. Rees, Reserve Co., from 20.4.28. to 30.11.28.

No. 865 Pte. J. H. Gelling, Reserve Co., from 1.5.28 to 31.3.29.

No. 872 Cpl. J. W. Alabaster, No. 1 Platoon, from 1.6.28. to 31.3.29.

No. 521 Pte. H. J. Best, Reserve Co., from 28.4.28. to 28.2.29.

No. 767 Pte. S. H. Clark and No. 1106 Pte. H. E. Orr, No. 1 Platoon leave to be extended from 14.4.28 to 30.6.28.

7. Struck Off the Strength.

Having left the Colony.

No. 91 Pte. F. A. Britton, Reserve Co., as from 20.3.28.

No. 974 Bugler B. J. Yalland, No. 2 Platoon, as from 1.5.28.

No. 36 Gnr. W. W. Mackenzie, The Battery, as from 25.4.28.

No. 893 Gnr. A. S. Horsee, The Battery, as from 25.4.28.

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No. 399 L/Cpl. D. B. Peat, M. I. Co., as from 25.4.28.

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No. 659 Sgt. L. P. Ralph, No. 1 Platoon, as from 25.4.28.

No. 785 Pte. E. G. Joran, No. 2 Platoon, as from 25.4.28.

No. 747 Pte. E. G. Renton, No. 2 Platoon, as from 25.4.28.

No. 853 Pte. S. H. Garrod, No. 7 Platoon, as from 25.4.28.

No. 1043 Pte. T. Addis, No. 7 Platoon, as from 25.4.28.

No. 1046 Pte. A. E. Bertram, No. 7 Platoon, as from 25.4.28.

No. 571 Pte. L. D. McNicoll, Reserve Co., as from 25.4.28.

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Notice.

Smoking Concert.—The Annual Corps Smoking Concert and distribution of Corps Trophies and Musketry prizes will take place at Corps Headquarters at 9.30 p.m. on Friday, 11th May, 1928.

Major General C. C. Luard, C. B., C. M. G., has kindly consented to present the above.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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WAH YAN COLLEGE. BILLIARDS.

"BIGGEST SCHOOL IN HONGKONG."

A branch school of the Wah Yan College was opened yesterday by Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, in Nelson Street, Mongkok, in order that the pupils of the mother school residing on the Peninsula might be better served.

Mr. Peter Tsui in a speech prior to the official opening of the new premises by Mr. Wood, said that in 1919 the School had only four pupils, but to-day it had become the biggest school in the Colony with nearly 1,200 boys and 46 teachers.

Mr. Wood, addressing the gathering, spoke of the hard work put in by Mr. Tsui and his staff, which has led to the School growing so rapidly. He found that the Wah Yan College had an atmosphere of disciplined yet cheerful efficiency.

Amongst those present were the Right Rev. Bishop Valtorta, Rev. Father Spada, Mr. Sum Pak-ming, Rev. H. R. Wells, Mr. E. H. Williams, Mr. Alfred J. Lane (who designed the building) and Mrs. Lane and Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

Tea was served after the opening ceremony, after which those present were afforded an opportunity of looking over the new premises. There are class rooms on each of the three floors, the headmaster's offices and waiting room being on the ground floor. The School possesses airy and well-lighted classrooms and a long room on the second floor which can be used as a hall.

There is room for a tuckshop at the back of the premises within the school compound, and a yard where physical exercises can be carried out.

The roof of the building is flat and it is understood that an attempt will be made to make a garden of it.

The building itself is surrounded by a large area of open land and is situated near the Oriental Tobacco Factory in Mongkok. It is about a hundred yards off the bus station in Nathan Road.

The Speeches.

Mr. Peter Tsui, addressing the gathering said:

As founder of the Wah Yan College it has fallen to my lot to thank you for your kind presence here to-day to witness the opening ceremony of our small branch school-building by our genial Director of Education, during whose term of office more big schools have been built than in any other period in the history of Hongkong. We are particularly happy to have Mr. Wood perform the function because, as is well-known, he takes a great interest in the education of Chinese boys.

Wah Yan College had only 4 pupils in 1919 when it was founded. In less than 10 years it has become the biggest school in the Colony, with nearly 1,200 boys and 46 teachers.

Many of our boys live on the mainland, and partly for their convenience and partly to relieve the congestion at the mother school, we started this branch in 1925. The school was then housed at No. 70 Portland Street and Mr. Wai Chung-yue was the Headmaster. Due to the hard work of the teachers the number of boys who attended the branch steadily grew from 141 in 1925 to 874 in 1928.

The residential flats occupied by the school being scattered in no less than five different houses, good management was almost impossible. We therefore decided to have better premises. With the small reserve fund of the mother school we secured a piece of land on which the building before us stands.

When the foundation of this building was laid, we had, besides the reserve fund I have just mentioned, only $4,000 collected in the Malay Peninsula by Mr. Lim Hoy-lan, the Headmaster of the mother school. We relied then on the generous public and the paternal Hongkong Government to get the building completed.

Fortunately for us, Mr. Alfred J. Lane, the architect, and Mr. Tong On, the contractor, did their work so well, that Mr. Ko Leong-hoe, the Managing Director of the Ho Hong Bank, agreed to advance us all the money required for the building, otherwise the work could not have been completed. The land and building have cost us nearly $50,000 and now the College is indebted to the sum of more than half that amount. This debt will take us some years to discharge.

Progress Explained.

Some people often express surprise at the rapid progress of the College. This can be explained in a few words:

(1) The subsidy given by the local government, without which the College might have closed down.

(2) The assistance and advice of the Italian fathers, who charge us very low rent for the mother school building and

(3) The devotion of the teachers to their duty.

I am sure, Ladies and Gentlemen, that you must have been surprised when you were invited to honour us with your company on this auspicious occasion, for I do not doubt that many of you have not even heard of this building before. It is the hope of all the teachers and pupils of Wah Yan College that in the not too distant future they will have the pleasure and happiness to invite you to attend the opening ceremony of their mother school. At present it is only a wish, but we are hoping and praying that that wish may materialise.

You have seen the ouside of the building. When Mr. Wood has opened it, you will see the inside which, I hope, will not disappoint you. I assure you that there are no traps within. Those who enter will not be asked to make any donation, but, of course, we shall be grateful for any help that may be given. Donations to this college will enable it to tide over its financial difficulties, and scholarships will be the better appreciated and longer remembered, because our boys are such strangers to them. A glass of water to a thirsty traveller in a desert can do much more good than barrels of it to those who live by the side of a constant flowing stream.

Before I conclude, I should like to thank Mr. Wood for consenting to perform this ceremony and all of you for honouring us with your company.

The Director's Speech.

Mr. A. E. Wood replying to Mr. Tsui's remarks said:

Mr. Peter Tsui, Mr. Headmaster, Your Lordship, Ladies and Gentlemen, I esteem it a great honour that Mr. Peter Tsui asked me to come here to-day to take part in this Opening Ceremony of the Kowloon Branch of Wah Yan College. The development of Wah Yan College is a striking feature of the educational history of this Colony in the last ten years.

Nine years ago the parent school was founded in faith by Mr. Peter Tsui.

Three years later, when it had become a school of nearly 400 boys, its good work was recognized by my predecessor Mr. Irving and on his recommendation it became a Government Grant-in-Aid School, receiving the benefits and assuming the responsibilities of a school under the Grant Code.

The high standard set by Mr. Tsui and his colleagues from the first has been well maintained ever since, and three years ago they were encouraged to start a Branch School in Kowloon.

As you have heard, it began in No. 70, Portland Street under the headmastership of Mr. Wai Chung-yue, and now it finds a home in this splendid new building.

A Friendly Warning.

I am not a believer in mere numbers and I do not accept them as a criterion of a school's true growth, and I am going to take this opportunity of asking my friend Mr. Peter Tsui to be firm to resist the temptation to overcrowd his classrooms. I have had the pleasure of going over this school, and it seems to me that to admit more pupils than its 11 classrooms will properly hold must mean a loss of efficiency.

I felt I ought to say this, but I have confidence in Mr. Tsui and his colleagues, and I am sure that this confidence is shared by those present to-day.

Wah Yan College has an atmosphere of disciplined yet cheerful efficiency.

Under favourable auspices another step is now taken in its advancement, and I wish the Branch School a long future of loyal endeavour and honourable success.

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CONCERT IN AID OF PIANO FUND.

A first rate concert that was appreciated in no uncertain manner was given at St. John's Cathedral Hall last night under the auspices of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club. This effort, which was organised by Miss Mow Fung, was for the purpose of swelling the Piano Repair Fund and judging by the fact that something like 200 people attended the financial result should well repay the efforts of the organiser. The Rev. N. V. Halward presided over the gathering.

The programme consisted of a variety of numbers that were skilfully rendered. The first item was a popular dance entitled "Jazz" by the Misses B. Pestonji and D. Tollan, two talented pupils of Miss Daisy O'Keefe, and Miss B. Pestonji also daintily gave a dance, "Pas-de-Valse" as a solo effort. Mr. H. Glover sang "Yeomen of England" (E. German) and "Ballad-monger" (Easthope Martin) while Mr. L. Jeeves raised many laughs with his "Attempted Humour." Another artiste, who was warmly applauded was Mrs. Minney, who sang "My Garden full of Roses" (Coningsby Clarke) and "Be Still Blackbird," (W. Sanderson).

Other numbers were piano solos entitled "Variations in "A" Minor" (Paganini-Lizst), "Liebestraum" (Lizst) and "March-Wind" (Macdowell) by Mrs. Cashman, and violin solo selections by Mrs. G. E. Aubrey.

A feature of the programme were quartettes by Messrs. J. and R. Baldwin, H. J. Best and C. W. E. Bishop, and an instrumental trio by Mrs. Aubrey, Miss J. Braga and Mr. J. Braga.

The accompanists were Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. Pestonji, and Miss C. Braga.

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Addressing the gathering Mr. Halward explained the reasons that had prompted the concert. They were, he said, trying to raise enough money to pay for the repair of the club piano. The piano was not only used by the club but was also used by the church for such things as choir practices and they needed $150 to repair it. He went on to refer to the assistance the club was receiving from outside sources and said it was mainly by that help that they were able to be so active. That help, for which they were very grateful, had enabled them to do other things of a social nature outside the club sphere itself and by its means they had been able to entertain the troops to some extent. He added that they had been provided with an excellent entertainment which, he was sure, they had all enjoyed.

Miss Mow Fung expressed thanks to the artistes who had given their services.

HAVOC OF FROST.

JAPAN SILK CROP MAY BE AFFECTED.

Tokyo, Apr. 26.

A cold wave swept over the whole country during the week-end and it is feared that the frost has damaged the mulberry leaves. If so the silk crop will be affected.—*Reuter.*

SEAMAN'S FUNERAL.

BURIAL OF THE LATE A. B. OTHEN.

The funeral of the late A. B. Othen, who accidentally shot himself at the Kai Tak Aerodrome on Wednesday morning, took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, Naval Chaplain, officiating.

The coffin, draped in the Union Jack, was drawn on a gun carriage by ratings from H.M.S. Durban and was followed by officers from the Aerodrome, including Squadron Leader C.E.H.C. Macpherson (Officer Commanding), Flying Officer R. Vaughan Fowler (Adjutant), Flight Lieut. W. D. Gairdner, Flying Officer May, Surg. Lieut. Bradfield, Lieut. Hilbeck, R. N., and Lieut. Bassett, R. N. Preceding the coffin was a firing party and the band from H.M.S. Berwick.

Wreaths were sent by the following: Squadron Leader Macpherson; Flying Lieut. Gairdner (Officer Commanding No. 442 Flight); Officers of the Royal Air Force, Kai Tak Aerodrome; Officers of the Royal Navy; Officers' Mess, Kai Tak; Ratings and Other Ranks Kai Tak; N.C.O.'s of No. 442 Flight, Kai Tak; Officers, N.C.O.'s and other ranks of Fleet Air Arm, Reserve Store; and Sergeants' Mess, Kai Tak.

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Squadron Leader Coleman is known to many in Hongkong. He has a brother with the Hongkong Police, who joined the force a few years ago. Mr. F. P. Lenfestey, who was many years in the Government Service here, is a step brother of the Squadron Leader.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

CHINESE FATALLY INJURED BY LORRY.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded by the jury who sat at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to inquire into the circumstances of the death of a Chinese who was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor lorry in Gascoigne Road on the evening of April 12.

The medical evidence showed that the deceased died from a fractured skull and haemorrhage. He was taken to hospital at about 6 p.m. and succumbed to his injuries almost immediately after admission.

According to the evidence of the driver of the lorry and a foki, the deceased who was carrying a roll of leather on his right shoulder suddenly dashed in front of the lorry from the left hand side of the road. When he heard the horn sounded he hesitated and appeared to have lost his head. The front mudguard struck the man.

A Chinese pedestrian rendered first aid and the deceased was later taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

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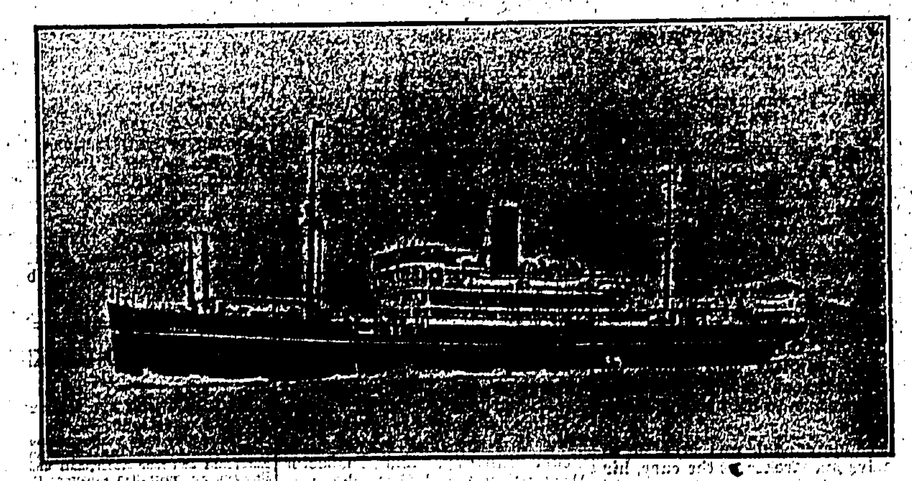

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KASHGAR	9,005	12th May.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
†KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May.	Straits, C'bo B'bay, & Karachi
MALWA	10,986	26th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
†ALIPORE	5,273	31st May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
†JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June.	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
†MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June.	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
†NOVARA	6,989	30th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KHYBER	9,114	7th July.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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TAKLIWA	7,936	7th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
‡NOVARA	6,989	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TANDA	6,956	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
‡DEVANHA	8,155	17th May.	S'hai, Kobe Osaka & Yoko
SANTHIA	7,754	22nd May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
‡MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
RANPURA	10,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
TILAWA	10,006	2nd June.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
‡NANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TAKADA	8,948	7th June.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	8th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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TO SETTLE NANKING INCIDENT.

NATIONALIST OFFICIAL SEES FRENCH CONSUL.

SHANGHAI PARLEY.

Shanghai, Apr. 22.

Dr. Zay Wood, Chief of the Third Section in charge of European and American affairs in the Nationalist Foreign Ministry, arrived here yesterday morning from Nanking. His mission is to continue negotiatons with the French authorities to settle the Nanking incident.

In an interview, Dr. Wood said he had been instructed by Mr. Huang Fu, Nationalist Minister of Foreign Affairs, to carry on negotiations with the French authorities in Shanghai regarding the Nanking incident. It is to be remembered that Dr. Wood is the man directly concerned with the Sino-American negotiations on the Nanking affair, which resulted in a satisfactory settlement of the matter between the Nationalist and the United States Governments a few weeks ago.

It is learned from good authority that negotiations have already been going on between Dr. Wood and the French Consul-General in Shanghai regarding the Nanking question, and are proceeding smoothly between the two representatives.

LAND OWNERSHIP ACTION.

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Plaintiff added that he did not visit the office frequently. He went there more than once, but he could not say how many times he went and when.

Mr. Jenkin:—You say all you knew about that firm is that two of your sons were there and you had heard it rumoured in the town that they were partners?—They also admitted to me that they were partners in that firm, but I don't know what amount of capital they put in.

In reply to other questions, plaintiff said he did not think there were any other partners in the Fook Lee and Co.

Banking Facilities.

Mr. Jenkin:—Have you ever helped them by arranging banking facilities?—No. He added that he had not helped any of his brothers in that way.

Mr. Jenkin told plaintiff that the mortgage of the Hillyer Street property to the International Bank in 1917, to give banking facilities to the International Commercial Trading Company, was re-assigned to him (plaintiff) on January 31,1918, and that on the same day he re-mortgaged the property to the International Bank to provide banking facilities for Simmons and Co.

Plaintiff agreed.

You mortgaged 20, Square Street to the International Banking Corporation on the same day?—I cannot remember very clearly as to the date.

Mr. Jenkin:—Fok Bros. and Company. Who are they?—That is a name taken by my son, Fok Tat-fui.

That mortgage was for banking facilities to Fok Bros. and Co.—Yes.

The case is proceeding.

PASSENGER'S HAT STOLEN.

YOUTH CAUGHT WHILST WEARING IT.

Soon after the arrival of the P. and O. s.s. Malwa from Home yesterday morning, a report was made to the police to the effect that a felt hat had been stolen from the cabin of Mr. D. Williams, a passenger. Shortly afterwards an Indian watchman on the gangway arrested a young Chinese wearing a hat several sizes too big for him.

On being charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with larceny of the hat, the youth pleaded that he was penniless and wanted to raise sufficient money to enable him to return to his home at Shum Chun.

The defendant was ordered to receive six strokes of the cane, his Worship intimating that he would be sent back to the country by the police.

The mail from London dated March 29th by s.s. Malwa, consisted of 421 bags and 162 bags of parcels. These were distributed yesterday.

SENSATIONAL GRAND NATIONAL.

Here is the finish of the Grand National, showing Tipperary Tim winning. He was the only horse, except the riderless Great Span, to finish the course.

HAYNES V. BREWER ACTION.

WRIT NOW WITHDRAWN ON AGREEMENT.

The case in which Mr. L. E. Haynes sued Mr. N. I. Brewer, of the Instone Banking Corporation, was finally disposed of this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court, when the writ was withdrawn.

Mr. Haynes claimed $1,000 for work done and materials supplied, and the case had been pending for several weeks. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. O. E. C. Marton.

When the case was called this morning, his Lordship handed a letter, written by Mr. Brewer, to Mr. Marton and asked him if he had seen it.

After reading the letter, Mr. Marton replied in the affirmative and said that, in view of arrangements that had been come to, he desired to withdraw the writ.

His Lordship gave permission for the writ to be withdrawn.

FOR RAINY DAY.

DOLLAR WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAVED.

Charged before Major C. Willson to-day with obstructing the pavement at Wanchai with his wares, a Chinese pleaded that he was compelled to do so by a shower.

As it was ascertained that no rain was falling yesterday at the time mentioned, his Worship said he would increase the proposed fine from $2 to $3, as an additional punishment on the man for having told an untruth.

MARINE COURT.

THIS MORNING'S CASES.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., the adjourned case of obstruction against the master of the Shaukiwan cargo ferry was heard, Captain Walker, of the s.s. Kwong Tung, appearing to support the prosecution.

Captain Walker stated that obstruction had been caused, the boat of the accused being in such a position as to delay the berthing and loading of the P. and O. lighter with silk from the s.s. Kwong Tung.

The case was considered proved and a fine of $10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment, inflicted.

Mok Iu-nam, the master of a trading junk, was charged with navigating the harbour without lights, and pleaded guilty.

Police evidence was given to the effect that the junk was of 3,150 piculs capacity, and Inspector Moss pointed out that she was carrying dangerous cargo in the shape of kerosene at the time.

A fine of $15, with the usual alternative, was inflicted.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia, from Manila, is due here at 9 a.m. on Monday, and will leave on Wednesday at noon for Shanghai.

BLACKBURN ROVERS WIN AGAIN.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL AT HOME.

London, Apr. 26.

In four English League matches played to-day, three teams playing away from home gained substantial victories.

Blackburn Rovers were successful, making their third victory in six days, including the Cup final.

The results as cabled by Reuter are as follows:

Division I.

Blackburn	3	Derby C.	2

Division II.

Notts For.	0	Port Vale	2

Division III (South).

Newport.	0	C. Palace	3
Queen's P. R.	1	Coventry	5

PIRANDELLO HISSED.

HIS NEW PLAY A FAILURE.

Rome, Mar. 25.

Pirandello's new play, "La Nuova Colonia," was presented last night in Rome, and for the first time in Italy the distinguished playwright's work was denounced as a failure by a storm of hissing, whistling, and catcalls, which drowned all the efforts of those who sought to develop a counter demonstration of applause.

The play—or, as Pirandello prefers to call it, "fable"—is in three acts with prologue and epilogue. A group of sixteen people of a rough class, including one woman, start life afresh on a tiny volcanic island, but the development of their several individualities creates quite a different condition of society from that which had been prearranged.

The woman leaves the island to lessen the clash of rivalries between the men, but an invasion of other people with a group of women plunges the new colony into hopeless strife.

The author hastens his development of the philosophy of life by creating various earthquake crises, but despite the brilliance of the dialogue the whole play seemed badly knit, with often much irrelevance, while a sense of confusion invaded the progress of the drama.

Pirandello was called several times before the curtain after the growing dissatisfaction of the audience expressed itself in no uncertain manner.

The Hongkong General Post Office announces that the postal service to Swatue and neighbouring places has now been resumed.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The north-eastern portion of the Northern Territory, Australia. An expedition of five Europeans and four Aboriginals under Dr. H. Basedon, an Australian explorer; this part of the continent is still practically unexplored. 2. Whalley Abbey, from the Manchester diocese to the new Blackburn diocese. 3. The King in Council "pricks" the list. 4. Mrs. Virginia Woolf for her novel, "To the Lighthouse." 5. Because it rotates on its axis and revolves round the earth in the same period. 6. The little toe. In one person out of three it has lost one of its three bones. 7. Malta. 8. Because oxygen from the moist air combines with the iron to form an iron oxide. 9. Two pounds. 10. E.A.: Poe's raven—"Nevermore." 11. Clarified animal fat, usually obtained from suetton or beef fat by melting and separating by pressure. 12. 10 p.m.

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